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"Bombardment of Yarmouk camp continues, killing 6 refugees and raising the death toll of the military operation to 29 victims"

- Activists demand the relief of those displaced from Yarmouk camp to the neighboring towns
- The coalition of Palestinian forces in Syria doubts the presence of major destruction in Yarmouk camp and eyewitnesses confirm the destruction of most of its lanes and alleys
- ISIS publishes pictures of the bodies of the regime's fighters and spoils on the front of Al-Qadam
- Deraa camp for Palestinian refugees bombarded with mortars
- Al-Wafaa Campaign distributes relief aid to the displaced from Yarmouk camp to Yelda

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Victims

Palestinian refugee “Abd El-Hady Ghoutany” and his wife “Basma Ghoutany,” refugee “Mohammed Hadba” and his wife, Palestinian refugee “Waleed Al-Wazir,” and refugee “Ensheraah Al-Shaaby,” have all died during the violent bombardment, which targeted Atta Al-Zeir Street, located nearby to the Palestine Gardens in Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees, yesterday. This raises the death toll of the Palestinian refugees who have died since the beginning of the military operation, on 19th of April 2018, to 29 victims.

Latest Developments

For the sixth consecutive day, the Syrian regime’s warplanes and its artillery, with the support of its affiliated groups, continue to bombard Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees, despite the massive destruction caused by the shelling during the past few days and according to activists, the people inside the camp are lacking all of life’s necessities including basic food supplies, medical care, water and electricity, in addition to the absence of shelters for the protection of the people.





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Our correspondent in Yarmouk camp confirmed that the Syrian regime targeted the neighborhoods of Al-Tadamon, Yarmouk camp, Al-Hajar Al-Aswad and Al-Qadam since yesterday morning, with over 85 air raids, as well as the bombardments, with more than 24 explosive barrels and 23 surface-to-surface missiles.

In the same context, activists in the neighboring towns to Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees in Damascus, called on all the international and national relief agencies, to make their efforts for the relief of dozens of families displaced from Yarmouk camp to the towns of Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahm, to escape the violent and intensive bombardments which targeted the camp, for the sixth consecutive day.

According to the reports received by the Action Group, all those who managed to leave the camp were unable to carry any of their personal belongings, which increased their suffering. In addition, the majority of people do not have any money to help them meet their basic needs, where most of them lived under the strict siege imposed by the Syrian regime and the Palestinian factions affiliated to it for more than 1740 days, forcing a number of families to stay on the road, without securing the minimum living requirements.

On its part, the leadership of the coalition of the Palestinian resistance forces in Syria, questioned at a meeting held yesterday in Damascus to discuss the situation in Yarmouk camp and the political developments, the validity of the news regarding the severe damage in Yarmouk camp, caused by the military operation launched by the Syrian regime on the camp and the towns of the



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region to the south of Damascus. However, eyewitnesses who recently left Yarmouk camp confirmed that most of the lanes and alleys of the camp have been destroyed by the air raids and ongoing bombardments targeting Yarmouk camp over the past six days, noting that large-scale and almost total destruction hit the civilian houses in Al-Magharba Street, Al-Quds, Al-Mansoura, Street 15, Street 30, the area surrounding the Palestine roundabout, the main Yarmouk Street, Ain Ghazal and Al-Orouba.

On his part, the Secretary General of the Palestinian Popular Struggle Front and Secretary of the Palestinian Resistance Groups Alliance, Khaled Abdul Majid, considered in his statement to the “Watan” newspaper that, “There is an exaggeration in the reports suggesting the major destruction of Yarmouk camp, and this comes within attempts made by hostile foreign parties in order to harm the Syrian state and factions,” considering the military operation taking place in south Damascus a great victory for the capital, because it will purge it of the remnants of terrorism and will lead to important political results in any future political moves.

In a statement to Al-Watan, on the sidelines of the meeting, the Assistant Secretary-General of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, Talal Naji, confirmed that the agreement concluded last Thursday, between the Syrian Arab Army and the terrorist organization ISIS, with the support of Russia, which orders the departure of ISIS’s fighters and their families no later than 6pm that day, from the south of the capital to an area in the Syrian desert near Sukhna, is scheduled to be implemented.



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According to Naji, the agreement also includes the departure of Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham's fighters, but that evening, "They broke the agreement and retreated from their commitment to what they agreed to in the negotiations. The army had directed them a warning if they did not comply, to start the battle, which actually began at 6 pm."

In a similar context, Aamaq Agency, which is close to ISIS, published photographs and documents belonging to fighters of the regime forces, as a result of the violent clashes taking place in the south of Damascus, since the start of the military operation launched by the Syrian regime on the towns of south Damascus on the 19th of April 2018, with the aim of expelling the fighters of ISIS and taking control over the region (Yarmouk camp, Al-Hajar Al-Aswad, Al-Tadamon, Al-Qadam and Al-Assaly).



In south Syria, Deraa camp for Palestinian refugees was bombarded with a number of mortar shells and ground shots, by the Syrian regime. Several areas of the camp were targeted and material damage was caused. This coincided with the outbreak of clashes described as violent, between the regime forces and the armed



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Syrian opposition factions, in which medium and heavy weapons were used.

On his part, the Action Group's correspondent indicated that Deraa camp is bombarded heavily on a daily basis, by the regime forces, using explosive missiles and rocket-propelled grenades. As a result, about 80% of the camp's neighborhoods and buildings have been damaged.

The remaining residents of the camp are suffering from the absence of basic services and the lack of relief assistance, as a result of the siege imposed by the Syrian regime forces. They are also complaining from the ongoing water cuts, which began 1475 days ago.

Local Work Committees:

The Action Group's correspondent reported that the European Al-Wafaa Campaign provided food and relief assistance to the people of Yarmouk camp, who have been displaced to the town of Yelda in south Damascus, on Monday 23rd of April.





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This came within the campaign it launched on Monday titled, “Help the people of Yarmouk.” On its first day, the campaign distributed meals through its charity kitchen, to more than 800 people.

On its part, the Campaign confirmed that it will continue to provide relief assistance to the people of Yarmouk camp for a week. Al-Wafaa Campaign will seek to distribute mattresses, personal items and children's accessories to the displaced residents of Yarmouk, as well as preparing shelter centers for the affected and securing them, to accommodate the largest number of refugees.

Palestinians of Syria: April 24, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3722, including 467 women
- 1674 Palestinians are locked up behind Syrian government’s bars, 106 of which are women
- Yarmouk refugee camp is under the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine’s siege for 1,740 days in a row
- 206 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1475 days, and 1324 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 573 days. More than 80% of its buildings have been completely or partially destroyed.
- Approximately 85 thousand Palestinian-Syrian refugees fled to Europe by the end of 2016, while 31 thousand refugees are estimated to be in Lebanon, 17 thousand refugees are sheltered in Jordan, 6 thousand refugees are in Egypt, 8 thousand refugees are staying in Turkey, and one thousand Palestinian-Syrians are in Gaza.