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"ISIS bans the civilians in west Yarmouk camp from leaving for treatment and to buy food supplies"

- Fear among the Palestinians in Syria that UNRWA may stop its cash assistance
- Syrian security detains a resident of the Khan Al-Sheih camp
- 1728 refugees transferred from the Greek Islands to its mainland since the start of 2018
- Charitable Association continues to renovate the Muaz ibn Jabal Mosque in Sabinah camp

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Latest Developments

In a new step to tighten on the people living in the areas under 'Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham's' control in Yarmouk camp, ISIS in south Damascus banned civilians from leaving to the areas of its control and the adjacent areas, for treatment or in order to buy food supplies. A number of ill patients were scheduled to leave the camp for treatment on Thursday, however ISIS did not allow them to.



The residents of Yarmouk camp continue to complain of the violations and suppressive practices of ISIS towards them. The residents are also suffering from the continued siege imposed on the camp, as well as the tragic humanitarian conditions that almost 3000 Palestinian refugees living in the camp are experiencing. In addition, there are more than 10 thousand Palestinians displaced from Yarmouk camp, who are currently in Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahm.

Regarding the suffering of Palestinian refugees, a state of panic and fear has spread among the Palestinian refugees in Syria, because of the possible stop of UNRWA's cash assistance, after the



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Agency announced previously that it will postpone the delivery of the first batch of its cash assistance provided to the Palestinian refugees in Syria until further notice, because of the financial deficit it is facing.

Media activists said that the suffering of the Palestinians in Yarmouk camp in particular, and the Palestinian camps in general, is aggravating, amid the miserable living and economic conditions they are experiencing as a result of the siege and ongoing war in Syria. The majority of Palestinians are dependent on the financial aid provided by UNRWA, thus the stopping of UNRWA's cash assistance will cause a humanitarian catastrophe to the Palestinian refugees, in addition to their exhaustion throughout the years of war. There is also no permanent source of income, the widespread of unemployment, expensive prices, thus the shortage of the assistance provided by UNRWA and the charitable organizations has aggravated their tragedy and increased their suffering.

UNRWA's statistics indicate that out of 560 thousand Palestinian refugees who were living in Syria before the outbreak of war, 450 thousand Palestinians are still living inside it, of which more than 95% are in desperate need of humanitarian aid to stay alive. In addition, 43 thousand refugees are stranded in besieged areas that are difficult to reach.

UNRWA confirmed that more than 120 thousand Palestinian refugees from Syria have fled the country, including more than 30 thousand refugees who have fled from Syria to Lebanon and 17



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thousand others who have moved to Jordan, where they are facing “a marginal and disturbing existence.”

In another context, the Syrian military security branch arrested 19-year-old, Palestinian, “Ahmed Mahmoud Eid,” resident of Khan Al-Sheih camp for Palestinian refugees in the suburbs of Damascus, without any further information about the reason for his detention or his location.



This arrest is not the first of its kind. The Syrian security has arrested a number of the camp’s residents after the Reconciliation Agreement, in a violation of the agreement between it and the armed Syrian opposition forces in the Khan Al-Sheih area. The Syrian security services continue to detain 243 Palestinian refugees from the Khan Al-Sheih camp, according to the Action Group’s statistics.

In another context, the Greek Immigration Ministry said a group of 1728 refugees have been transferred from the Greek Islands to the Greek mainlands, since the beginning of this year to yesterday’s date, to reduce the conjunction on the islands.

According to the the Greek Immigration Ministry’s statements, the number of refugees on Chios Island is 7042 refugees and



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immigrants. Among the governmental plans, the biggest number of the will be transported and evacuated to the islands to the Greek mainland before the start of the new year, to solve the overcrowding of the islands.

The number of Palestinian-Syrians stranded on the Greek islands until the end of 2016, is estimated at 400 refugees, most of which are on the islands of; Lesbos, Mytilene, Chios, Leros and Kos.

Local Work Committees

The Charitable Association for Palestinian Relief continues to reconstruct and rebuild the Muaz ibn Jabal Mosque in Sabinah camp. The Association's workshops have ended the second stage of its work on the campaign it launched within its campaign to support the infrastructure and develop the camps in Syria.



According to a member of the Association, the workshops continued what they had finished in the first stage in the health facilities, electricity supplies, lighting, putting glass to the windows and reconstructing the damaged areas of the Mosque.



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In 2013, Sabinah camp had witnessed violent clashes and strong bombardments by the Syrian regime forces, damaging more than 80% of its buildings partially or completely. The regime took control of the camp on 17-11-2013 and allowed part of its residents to return to it on 30-08-2017.

Sabinah camp is located in the town of Sabinah, 14 km away from Damascus. It was home to approximately 25000 Palestinian refugees, before the war in Syria.

Palestinians of Syria: January 26, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3642, including 463 women
- 1654 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 1,652 days in a row
- 204 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1388 days, and 1228 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 487 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, 31 thousand refugees are located in Lebanon, 17 thousand refugees are sheltered in Jordan, 6 thousand refugees are in Egypt, 8 thousand refugees are staying in Turkey, One thousand refugees are present in Gaza.