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"The Action Group and rights organizations provide a joint report on the crisis of Yarmouk camp to the international bodies"

- Artillery and missile attacks on south Damascus
- A lost child from Yarmouk camp searches for his family
- UNRWA: "Yarmouk camp and its residents suffered from indescribable pain"
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Latest Developments

The Action Group for Palestinians of Syria, the Center for Democratic Republic Studies and the Syrian Center for Media and Freedom of Expression, have prepared a joint informative report in English, on the latest crisis of Yarmouk camp, titled “Yarmouk Camp Set on Fire,” with the aim of introducing international organizations and the international community to the reality of the situation in Yarmouk camp.

The three organizations delivered the report to a number of international delegations gathered at the Brussels Conference in support of Syria, in addition to about forty diplomatic missions in the Human Rights Council, and over 600 British MPs, in cooperation with the Palestinian Return Center in London.



The 1500-page report aims to highlight the shelling, destruction and human suffering in t Yarmouk camp and the south of Damascus, as a result of the recent military campaign launched by the Syrian regime since 19th of April on the region, and seeks to form an international public opinion to pressure the Syrian regime to stop



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its military campaign against Yarmouk camp, and stop the bloodshed there and provide a safe corridor for civilians.

The report included a summary of the documentation work carried out over the past years and the bloody story of the Palestinian refugees during the Syrian crisis, noting that the story of Yarmouk camp is the intensification of the maturation of the Palestinian refugee experience in Syria with their reality and their relationship with their surroundings, outside the circumference of the traditional Palestinian politics and in a more advanced form, which made them refuse co-ordinating with the Syrian regime, making the regime categorize them in the ranks of the enemies, a decision which did not stop the regime from involving Yarmouk camp in the war, however its rejection during the years of the siege of any possibility of removing the camp from the conflict.

The latest military operation launched by the Syrian regime forces on 19/04/2018, caused massive, unprecedented destruction, which is estimated at 40-60% of the camp, and led to the death of at least 18 civilians so far.

For an Arabic copy of the report, click the following link:

<http://actionpal.org.uk/ar/reports/special/yarmouksetonfirear.pdf>

In the same context, and after a calm which lasted for several hours yesterday morning, the Syrian regime forces and the factions affiliated to it bombarded the Zein neighborhoods, south of the besieged Yarmouk camp with artilleries and rockets, causing damage and destruction to civilian houses.



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This coincided with violent clashes between the Syrian regime and ISIS on the axes of the fighting, in addition to fighting between the Syrian regime forces and its affiliated factions and Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham, in the beginning of Yarmouk camp and Street 30, in the west of the camp.

According to our correspondent, the camp was subjected to intermittent bombardments, where the flight of Russian and Syrian warplanes has declined, due to the poor weather conditions and rainfall in the area.

Media sources close to the Syrian regime reported that the Syrian army imposed its control over a number of building blocks in Al-Joura neighborhood, north-west of Al-Hajar Al-Aswad, as well as advancing in some building blocks in the Maadaneya neighborhood, within a military operation that started with a view of about 1 km.

The Syrian regime and the Palestinian factions affiliated to it had started a wide military operation targeting Yarmouk camp, Al-Hajar Al-Aswad and Al-Qadam eight days ago, which led to major destruction in the civilian houses and the death of at least 30 refugees.

In another side of the suffering of Yarmouk camp's residents, "Mohammed Aly Abu Seyam," a boy from the camp, was found lost in the neighboring town of Yelda, after losing his parents. He is a resident of the Hamdan stove area, near to Malhamet Al-Million.

Our correspondent confirmed that the boy "Abu Seyam" is present at Mr Mohammed Al-Shalaby "Abu El-Joud." Activists in the south



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of Damascus appealed to those who knew about the child's parents, to contact the Palestinian National Authority in Yelda or the Wattad Center.



Thousands of Palestinian-Syrian families have been displaced and dispersed because of the ongoing war in Syria. The Action Group has documented the loss of 309 Palestinian refugees during the events.

Meanwhile, UNRWA expressed in a statement it issued yesterday, its deep concern about the escalation of fighting and the fate of thousands of Palestinian refugees in Yarmouk camp and the surrounding areas.

UNRWA Commissioner-General, Pierre Krähenbühl, said in his statement, a copy of which was received by the Action Group, that “Yarmouk and its people are in indescribable pain and living in suffering which has lasted over the years of conflict. We are extremely concerned with the fate of the civilians, including the Palestinian refugees, after over a week of dramatically escalating violence.”



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UNRWA also warned of the catastrophic consequences of the serious escalation in the fighting, which is affecting Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees in Damascus and its surrounding areas.

The statement added, “The current hostilities have resulted in deaths and injuries, and the displacement of about 5 thousand Palestinian refugees from Yarmouk camp to the neighboring Yelda area.”

The spokesman for the "Popular Conference for Palestinians Abroad" called the Popular Conference for Palestinians Abroad, Ziad Al-Aloul, to provide protection for civilians in Yarmouk camp, through a Palestinian national campaign, to provide the minimum protection for the Palestinian people in various camps in Syria, especially in Yarmouk camp, which has been subjected to bombardments with various types of weapons for the seventh day, resulting in destruction and the displacement of most of its population.

Alul appealed to the strong forces on the ground in Syria, to open a safe passage for the civilians and provide food and medicine for the Palestinian refugees, calling on the UNHCR to intervene in order to provide humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian refugees in Yarmouk camp, and put pressure on the sides of the conflict to neutralize the civilians.

Alul held the Palestinian authority and factions accountable for the protection of the remaining civilians in Yarmouk camp and the rest of the Syrian camps, calling the conflicting parties to stop targeting



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Yarmouk camp, and to neutralize the Palestinian refugees and their camps from the ongoing conflict in the country.

The Syrian regime launched a military operation on Yarmouk camp and the southern region on the 19th of April 2018, the aim of storming into the region and taking control of it.

Local Work Committees:

For the fourth consecutive day, the European Al-Wafaa Campaign continues its relief campaign in south Damascus, where it distributed meals to approximately 900 people on Thursday 26/04, in addition to distributing dozens of mattresses, blankets and sanitary items for children, to those displaced to the south of Damascus, with the aim of alleviating the suffering of the Palestinian people, healing their families and providing them with the necessary assistance.

On Monday, 23 April, the European Al-Wafaa Campaign launched a relief campaign titled, “Relief for the People of Yarmouk,” after the humanitarian condition in Yarmouk camp deteriorated, as a result of the ongoing bombardment of the camp since 19/04/2018, which led to the fall of many victims and casualties, and the destruction of large neighborhoods of Yarmouk.

Meanwhile, the Khair Umma Foundation launched a relief campaign for the people of Yarmouk camp in the southern region of Damascus, where the Foundation launched a charity kitchen project, which on its first day offered hundreds of meals to the families that survived the hell of the shelling in the camp.



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Khair Umma indicated that most of the families it visited were of elderly people and women, who were living in very bad conditions.

It is worth mentioning that hundreds of families from Yarmouk camp have been displaced to the towns neighboring to the camp (Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahm), because of the intensification of the bombardment and the continuing clashes between ISIS and Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham on the one hand, and the Syrian regime forces and the Palestinian factions loyal to it on the other.



Palestinians of Syria: April 26, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3729, 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 1,742 days in a row
- 206 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition



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- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1477 days, and 1326 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 575 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.