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"A large wave of displacement of the residents of Deraa camp to escape the bombardments and explosive barrels"

- Coalition of Palestinian Forces Yarmouk camp will not be part of the reorganization of the Damascus Governorate
- Palestinian-Syrian teachers demand that UNRWA abandons its decision and extends their work in Lebanon
- (16) Palestinian medical personnel have died since the beginning of the war in Syria

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Latest Developments

Deraa camp for Palestinian refugees in south Syria witnessed a large wave of displacement among its residents, as a result of the escalation of shelling that targeted the camp and its surrounding neighborhoods, where the regime's artillery and aircrafts launched intensive raids in which rockets and explosive barrels were used.

According to the correspondent of the Action Group, the bombardment of the camp and the surrounding areas continued until the late hours of yesterday, while the regime deployed snipers in the areas overlooking the camp, making a number of its lanes completely under the control of the regime's snipers.

Meanwhile, the armed Syrian opposition factions announced their readiness in all neighborhoods and regions, in preparation for possible clashes with the Syrian regime, backed by warplanes.



On its part, the Secretariat of the Alliance of Palestinian Forces said in a meeting held on June 25 with field officials in the camps that the Syrian political and security leaders assured the Higher



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Follow-up Committee, that Yarmouk camp would not be part of the reorganization of the Damascus governorate, noting that during the coming months, there will be cooperation between the concerned parties in the state, the General Authority for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, the Palestinian factions, associations, institutions and civil society organizations, in cooperation and coordination with the competent authorities in the Syrian State, in order to provide services to the families returning to their homes, to remove the rubble and to restore and renovate Yarmouk camp.



The Syrian regime regained control of Yarmouk camp and a number of towns in the south of Damascus, after the military operation it launched on 21st of April 2018. The operation lasted 33 days and all kinds of weapons were used. 33 civilians died and dozens of others were injured, while great damage was caused to the buildings and houses of the camp.

In Lebanon, a number of Palestinian teachers who left Syria for Lebanon demanded that UNRWA head off their demand to return to Syria to attend their schools there, or to work on the



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daycare system or to submit their resignation requests. They also appealed to UNRWA to accept the extension of their work in Lebanon, pending the stabilization of the security conditions in Syria for good, so that they can return to their camps and homes that they fled, for the fear of their lives and the lives of their children.

On their part, a number of teachers, especially the youth, objected to this decision, which subjects some of them to arrest and detention by the Syrian regime, demanding that UNRWA guarantees their legal protection and that they do not get subjected to harm and detention. They noted that UNRWA had granted them until 28 June to return to Syria and prove their presence there and start working, or to stay in Lebanon and work as freelancers, in the event of a vacancy, meaning that UNRWA could dispense them at any time, or to resign, however this would affect a large number of Palestinian-Syrian teachers, where their resignation would be tantamount to early retirement, depriving them of entitlements and end-of-service benefits.





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On its part, UNRWA's presidency in Damascus had earlier granted Palestinian teachers who left Syria to Lebanon until the end of 2017 to attend their schools. However, after a meeting with the teachers, it responded to their requests and postponed the decision until further notice, taking into account the continuation of the conflict in Syria and the deterioration of the security conditions there.

In another context, the Action Group for Palestinians of Syria announced that 16 Palestinian medical personnel died because of the ongoing war in Syria.

The Action Group explained that the medical facilities in the camps and the Palestinian gatherings in Syria were not spared from the bombardments or the targeting. Scores of violations by the conflicting parties in Syria have been observed against hundreds of Palestinian refugees who were killed, injured and detained among medical workers and paramedics.