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"Syrian Authorities Block Access of Yarmouk Returnees to Their Homes"

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Latest Developments

A number of activists and residents attempting to reach their homes in Yarmouk Camp have been denied access into the area by Syrian government troops deployed at the main entrances to the camp.

The residents said the government forces stipulated that an admission permit be issued by the concerned branches set up in Street 30 and residence documents be handed over to local authorities.

Those who received an entry permit were ordered to leave the camp by 05:00 p.m. in order not to be arrested and prosecuted.



Statements released sometime earlier by Syrian officials and Palestinian leaders in Damascus pointed out that Yarmouk Camp will not undergo a comprehensive rehabilitation process and that the residents will be allowed a safe return to their homes shortly. However, the promise has never been made true and the residents have been left with a mysterious fate.

The Syrian government recaptured Yarmouk Camp and other zones south of Damascus following a 33-day military operation launched



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on April 19, 2018, leaving 33 civilians dead and dozens more injured. Massive destruction had been wrought on civilian property and structures in the area. 90% of civilian homes had also been burglarized.

Meanwhile, the Syrian authorities issued security permits to allow Yarmouk's displaced students access into Damascus.

According to Yarmouk's education chief Walid AlKurdi, the concerned authorities okayed the exit of high school students and those enrolled at Damascus Intermediate Institute in order to be able to pursue academic courses.

Palestinian residents of Yarmouk, Babilla, Yalda, and Beit Sahem, south of Damascus, are only allowed access to Damascus following a security check by the Syrian authorities.

In the meantime, dozens of displaced Palestinian families from Syria in Lebanon rallied outside of UNRWA offices in Lebanon, demanding legal protection for Palestinian refugees from Syria and denouncing the US decision to cut off aid to the refugee agency.

The rally-goers railed against the US President Donald Trump's recent decision to suspend all cash aids to UNRWA, a move they said would aggravate the calamitous situation of the Palestinians from Syria, who have already been gripped with abject living conditions.

“Aid-cut is a launch-off step toward the implementation of the US-Israel backed ‘deal of the century’ which aims at wiping out Palestinians’ inalienable rights, liquidate the refugee cause, and



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whitewash the crimes committed against the Palestinian people since 1948”, a refugee told an AGPS correspondent.



The protesters voiced their firm rebuff of the underway schemes of ethnic cleansing, forced deportation, and displacement perpetrated against the Palestinian people nationwide and overseas.

“UNRWA is a legitimate body vouched for by the UN since 1949”, another refugee said. “The agency’s operations can only be halted through an official decision by the UN.”

The refugees stressed the need to grant them the right to legal protection and finding a permanent solution to their tragic state of affairs.

Along the same line, Palestinian brothers from Syria Ammar Jumu’a Ibrahim, aged 34, and Khaled Jumu’a Ibrahim, 40, have been incarcerated in Syrian government penitentiaries since September 2013.

Both brothers, residents of Yarmouk Camp, were arrested as they passed through the government-run Sabina checkpoint. Their fate has been shrouded in mystery.



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Several Palestinian siblings and members of same families got tortured to death in Syrian government dungeons, AGPS has learnt.

In another development, Palestinian young man Ayham Arisheh, from Yarmouk Camp, was shot and injured near the Damas restaurant in the Swedish city of Helsingborg.

Reporting from Sweden, Palestinian activists said the injured youth was admitted at a local hospital before he was transferred to another in Lund city. The reasons for the shooting attack remained unidentified.