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"Babilla-Sidi Makdad checkpoint reopened after being closed for a week"

- Syrian regime continues to detain Palestinian "Mohamed Ayman Abu Hussien" for more than four years
- UNRWA announces its to begin distributing its first batch of financial aid for 2018, to the Palestinian refugees in Syria
- The Action Group calls on the Palestinian-Syrians in Turkey to join the Whatsapp group made for them

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Latest Developments

The Syrian regime has reopened the Babilla-Sidi Makdad checkpoint, yesterday, after closing it for a week. The regime allowed the passage of stock and civilians from both sides to move through the checkpoint, which links between the neighboring areas of Yarmouk camp controlled by the armed Syrian opposition, and the areas controlled by the regime in Damascus.

This comes amid the strict siege imposed by the Syrian regime's army and the Palestinian factions affiliated to it, on Yarmouk camp for over 1636 days. More than 200 Palestinians have died because of the siege, due to the lack of food and medical care.



In the meantime, the Syrian regime continues to detain Palestinian "Mohamed Ayman Abu Hussien," born in 1986, for more than four consecutive years. Members of the popular committees affiliated to the regime arrested him in Jarmana, Damascus, on 27-04-2013 and took him to an unknown place. No information about his location or fate has yet been revealed about the resident of Yarmouk camp.

AGPS receives a number of messages and information about the detained Palestinians. They are then documented despite the



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difficulty of recording information because the Syrian regime continues to hide the fate, names and locations of the detainees. The Group has recorded the detention of 1644 Palestinian refugees in the Syrian regime prisons, of which 106 are females.



On its part, UNRWA has announced its intention to distribute its cash assistance for the first period of 2018, to the Palestinian refugees on Syria, from 14-01-2018 to 28-02-2018.

For the normal cases, each family member will be given 28000 Syrian pounds, while 14000 Syrian pounds will be paid to every family member living in a shelter center. UNRWA indicated in its statement that that are no lists specifically made for the more difficult cases (catering), however the families are included in the list of normal cases.

UNRWA announced that the families that had received the previous cash assistance (the 4th period for 2017), will be included in the delivery lists of the first period of 2018. It noted that these families do not need to carry out an audit, since any member of the family at the age of 18 or above (and registered with the family on UNRWA's registration card), can receive the assistance on behalf of their family, as long as they bring their ID card, UNRWA's registration card, a family ID or a recent family statement, as well as a photocopy of UNRWA's registration card and their personal ID card, to give them to the bank while receiving their aid.



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UNRWA clarified in its statement that the families that did not receive the previous cash assistance (the fourth period of 2017), or the families who received a new registration card for the first time, should file a complaint in order to receive the new assistance, through UNRWA's Relief Services offices, and an audit will be made for these families immediately. The office will receive the complaints during the period starting 17-01-2018 till 15-02-2018.



The families in which there is a difference in the number of eligible persons than the numbers on the delivery lists, should preferably not receive the assistance before amending their information. UNRWA will send them another message later on, with the correct number of eligible persons, in order to receive the assistance for all the eligible persons.

In another context, the Action Group called on the Palestinian Syrians in Turkey to join the 'Palestinian Syrians | Turkey' group on Whatsapp, in order to strengthen the communication between the



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Group and the Palestinian-Syrians in Turkey, and to highlight their conditions inside and outside of Syria.

AGPS noted that it is a Media Foundation for Human Rights, which documents the suffering of the Palestinian Syrians with the aim of sending it to the politicians, media and the international and worldwide organizations, stressing that it does not play any relief roles.

Palestinians of Syria: January 10, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3633, including 463 women
- 1644 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 1,638 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 1375 days, and 1215 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 473 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



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- 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