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"Syrian Authorities Drag Feet over Families' Appeals to Return to Yarmouk Camp"

- Launch of New Committee to Speak Up for Palestinian Refugees in Northern Syria
- Palestinian Families in Ramadan Camp Grappling with Price Leap
- 5 Palestinian Refugees Tortured to Death in Syrian Jails in February
- Palestinian Refugee Ahmed Abdul Rahim Secretly Locked Up in Syrian Jail for 5th Year

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Latest Developments

Member of Damascus Executive Office, Samir Jazaerli, said, following a meeting held in Damascus on Monday, March 11, that civilians will not be allowed to return to their homes in Yarmouk Camp before the technical committees finalize their reports about the condition of local buildings and premises, which sustained partial or total destruction during the warfare.

The official said he has been appointed as head of the newly-formed Yarmouk Committee, which he said has been tasked with keeping tabs on the camp, with an overall area of 220 hectares.



Activists leveled heavy criticism at the local authorities for dragging their feet over increasing appeals for reconstruction and called for serious and urgent measures to smooth civilians' return to their homes in Yarmouk and rehabilitate vital facilities and infrastructure.



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The Syrian government forces have tightened grip on and around the main entrances to the camp, blocking civilians' access to their homes.

In another development, a unified committee has been formed by Palestinian activists in Deir Ballout and AlMuhammadiya refugee camps to follow up on the situation of displaced Palestinian refugees north of Syria.

The five-member committee took it upon its shoulder to transmit the refugees' voices to the concerned human rights groups and UN bodies.



Palestinian families taking shelter in the area continue, meanwhile, to appeal to UNRWA, the Palestine Liberation Organization, the Turkish authorities, and human rights organizations to urgently step in and work on alleviating their calamitous condition.

Dozens of families displaced from Yarmouk Camp and southern Damascus have been struggling for survival in the impoverished AlMuhammadiya and Deir Ballout refugee camps, amid a striking



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apathy by the Palestinian Authority, Palestinian factions, and UNRWA.

Along the same line, residents of Ramadan Camp continue to launch cries for help over the socio-economic crises they have been enduring as a result of poverty, unemployment, the acute dearth in vital items, including fuel, and the swift price leap.



Ramdan Camp for Palestinian refugees is located some 50 kilometers away from southeastern Damascus. The nearest city to the camp—AlDameer city—is located at a distance of nine kilometers.

In the meantime, AGPS documented the death of five Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian state prisons in February 2019.

The casualties are: Mohamed Fuad Atiyeh and Khaled Samara, both residents of Yarmouk Camp, along with Faris Balsha and his son Mohamed who were pronounced dead after they had been kept in jail for over five years. The father and his son were arrested at the



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Kablat checkpoint on March 12, 2014. Another Palestinian refugee born in 1990 was also tortured to death in the Sednaya military prison, north of Damascus, where he had been held for over three years. AGPS has kept his name secret over security concerns.

At the same time, Palestinian refugee Ahmed Fakhri Abdul Rahim has been enduring a mysterious fate in Syrian government prisons, where he has been held for the fifth consecutive year.

Born in Yarmouk Camp, south of Damascus, Ahmed was kidnapped at the Ali AlWahsh checkpoint, pitched in Rif Dimashq, on January 5, 2014.

AGPS kept record of the names of 1,733 Palestinians secretly incarcerated in Syrian regime penitentiaries, where 572 refugees also died under torture.