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*"People of Yarmouk Appeals Demanding Cessation of Hostilities,
a Safe Corridor for Civilians, and Re-pumping of Water"*



- The AGPS Issues a Press Briefing on the Situation in the Yarmouk Refugee Camp
- Five Victims from the Yarmouk Refugee Camp Died since the Beginning of April
- For 887 Days Respectively, the Regular Army Prevents People of Sbeina Camp from Returning to their Homes

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Recent Updates

The remaining residents of the Yarmouk camp launched an urgent appeal yesterday demanding each of ISIS and Al Nusra Front to stop fighting for 6 hours so as civilians, who are trapped in the clashes areas, manage to go out to safe places, as well as the trapped people to get their needs. They also demanded the Syrian regime and the Palestinian factions to re-pump water to the camp and not to use water as a weapon against innocent civilians.



They also stress that this policy did not affect only the civilians, and that the size of violent clashes waged by the two parties during the six days against each other proved that they do not lack any weapon or ammunition, and were not affected by the blockade. The appealing statement demanded the PLO, the Palestinian factions, and UNRWA to shoulder their responsibilities towards the ongoing and renewable suffering all the while, where we have not heard a word from them about the current tragedy in the camp - according to the statement.



The statement also called on the Syrian and Palestinian media, activists, and journalists to be a united voice in this hard time.

At the conclusion of the appeal residents stressed that the continuation of the Syrian regime to force people to rely on meager aid provided by relief organizations -which was supposed to be a medical emergency aid - and the continuation of siege, has made the overall situation fragile, can be up to rock bottom again as a result of any event occurring in the camp

This appeal comes after the aggravated suffering of the Yarmouk people as a result of the continuing clashes between ISIS and Al Nusra Front for the seventh day respectively, and the resumption of the Syrian regime and the supporting Palestinian factions to target the Yarmouk and keep besieging it.

The clashes and sniping have exacerbated the living conditions of the camp's inhabitants, where dozens of families are unable to leave the camp out of hot places to safer areas and completely prevented from -as the rest of the people in the besieged camp- to get water from artesian wells after the Syrian regime cut off water for 582 days.

The AGPS issued a press briefing yesterday about the latest developments in the Yarmouk refugee camp. The briefing addressed the latest developments related to the field and the humanitarian situation inside the camp, where the AGPS followed up developments of recent events in the Yarmouk refugee camp.

The recent development resulted in aggravated living situation as a result of the outbreak of clashes between Al Nusra front and ISIS, when the



latter attempt to control the Yarmouk and the expulsion of Nusra, in light of the continued siege imposed on the camp by the regular army and the PFGC.

Accordingly, the situation could be summarized as follows:

- 1. On 7 April 2016, clashes and sniping broke out in the Yarmouk refugee camp between members of ISIS and Al Nusra Front. The two parties covered a number of streets with protective clothing in order to block out the vision and protect themselves from sniping. They also were digging holes for shooting and sniping inside the houses and shops in Loubeiya Street. The clashes included Khamastaash Street, Haifa Street, Jaouna, and Safed area, ISIS seeks to cut off all supply lines of Al Nusra at Al Qadam area adjacent to the camp. ISIS imposed control over Al Orouba checkpoint which separates the Yarmouk refugee camp and Yalda area, while attempts have done by some notables to calm the situation and prevent deterioration.*
- 2. On 8 April a number of people from the Yarmouk refugee camp were injured because of the continued clashes between ISIS and Al Nusra Front, while a child was injured in his leg when he was going to school. News reported that an Emir at ISIS called "Abu Ali Saidi" was seriously injured.*
- 3. On 11 April 2016, the three Palestinian refugees "Ahmed Hamdan," "Mohammed Amayri," and "Muhammad Ali" died due to the clashes between ISIS and Al Nusra, while our correspondent confirmed a number of casualties among the two parties of conflict,*



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in addition to the burning of some houses in Haifa Street, after the use of Molotov bombs.

- 4. These events accompanied by mortar shelling by the Syrian regime and ISIS, targeted AL Nusra controlled areas.*
- 5. The deterioration of humanitarian situation as a result of besieging dozens of families inside their homes in the camp at Haifa Street, Khamastaash Street, Al Shatat area, AlQuds mosque area, and Al Madares Street, where civilians are suffering from severe living conditions due to the lack of food, medicine, and water, as they demanded roads to be open and secure for obtaining aid.*
- 6. The number of documented victims since the clashes renewed until the 12th of April is the three victims; they are: Ahmed Hamdan, Mohammed Amayri, and Muhammad Ali.*
- 7. the AGPS confirms receiving several distress calls from trapped families in the fighting areas in the Yarmouk, where they appealed the conflict parties in the camp and the Syrian regime to open roads and secure the delivery of water, where they do not have potable water or water from artesian wells, which they buy through "reservoirs".*

Activists and some residents confirmed that there are many families, distributed in Safed Street, Jauna lanes, Khamastaash lanes, and Abu Fouad bakery; refuse to get out for fear of their houses to be stolen, similar to what happened to most houses of the camp, especially Yarmouk Street western area.



In light of these serious field developments, especially humanitarian ones, regarding cessation of all attempts to enter food aid, the AGPS appeals all international institutions, especially the humanitarian institutions, to make further efforts to introduce aid or attempt to launch initiatives to stop the bloodshed.

The AGPS also stresses the need for all Palestinian and Syrian authorities to bear their responsibilities at home and abroad, and to move as soon as possible to stop the deteriorating situation inside the camp. The AGPS holds the Syrian regime direct responsible for the continuation of the siege, and put thousands of Palestinian civilians held hostages by the ongoing situation in the country. The AGPS monitoring and documentation team announced that five Palestinian refugees from the Yarmouk refugee camp died since the beginning of this April, including two refugees have died due to torture in the Syrian prisons; they are: Ahmed Mohammed Barnawi, who died after being detained for about two years and a half, and Ibrahim Mahmoud Mohammed, who died after being detained for about three years. Three



other refugees died during clashes broke out between ISIS and Al Nusra Front in the Yarmouk refugee camp; they are: Ahmed Hamdan, Mohammed Amayri, and Muhammad Ali.

It is noteworthy that the number of Palestinians from the Yarmouk refugee camp who have died since the beginning of the conflict in Syria has reached 1247 victims, according to the AGPS documented statistics..

The regular army and some affiliated Palestinian groups continue to prevent residents of Sbeina camp to return to their homes for 887 days, after being forced to leave because of the violent clashes between the regular army and groups of armed opposition, which ended with the regular army full control over the camp. eyewitness estimates that more than 80% of the camp are almost completely destroyed, especially areas that extend from Maaz bin Jabal mosque till the Kurds bakery, which constitutes the western entrance of the camp.



The residents have been displaced to neighboring towns and camps, to bring them into a new suffering did not limit to leave their homes, but



also it include all of their lives which turned into a tragedy because of the economic conditions and the spread of unemployment and weak financial resources.

Palestinians of Syria; Numbers and Statistics till 12\04\2016:

- *15500 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Jordan*
- *42.500 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Lebanon*
- *6000 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Egypt, according to the UNRWA statistics till July 2015*
- *8000 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Turkey*
- *1000 Palestinian Syrian refugees are in Gaza*
- *More than 71.2 thousand Palestinian Syrian refugees have reached Europe till the End of December 2015*
- *The Yarmouk Camp: siege, imposed by the Regular Army and PFGC groups, continued for 1032 consecutive days. Power cut continued for more than 1093 days, water was cut for 582 days respectively. The number of siege victims is 186.*
- *Al Sbeina Camp: - Regular Army is still preventing the residents of the camp to return back to their houses for 887 days respectively.*
- *Handarat Camp: - All Residents have left the camp for about 1080 days after the Syrian Opposition Groups controlled it.*
- *Dara'a Camp: - It is now almost 740 days without water and almost 70% of its buildings were demolished.*

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- *Jermana, AL Saieda ZAINab, Al Raml, Al Aedein Camps in Homs and Hamma: - A relatively quiet situation in light of the economic crises.*
- *Khan Al Sheih Camp: - Roads linking the camp to the city center are still closed except for Zakia- Khan Al Sheih road.*