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"On Palestinian Prisoners' Day.. the Action Group for Palestinians in Syria renews its demand to reveal the situation of hundreds of detained Palestinians in the regime's prisons"

- Resident of Yarmouk camp dies after a mortar shell falls on the Zahera neighborhood
- The regime negotiates with ISIS to leave south Damascus to the area of the Yarmouk Basin in Deraa
- Shelling and intermittent clashes in Yarmouk camp in Damascus, and UNRWA expresses its concern
- The opposition factions close the only port between Yarmouk camp and Yelda

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Victims

Palestinian refugee, “Selim Ayman Haifawy,” resident of Yarmouk camp, has died after a mortar shell fell on the Zahera Qadema neighborhood, in the Syrian capital Damascus.



Latest Developments

The Action Group for Palestinians in Syria renewed its demand to the Syrian regime to reveal the situation of hundreds of detained Palestinians, whose fates remain unknown, stressing that what is happening inside the Syrian prisons to the Palestinians is "a war crime by all standards."

The Action Group had issued a number of reports, including; Enforced Disappearance 1, Enforced Disappearance 2 and The Massacre of Images, which addressed the Palestinian refugees killed as a result of torture and enforced disappearance, amid the bloody conflict between the Syrian regime and the opposition. The Group confirmed, through the daily monitoring of the situation of Palestinian refugees and documented information, that there are 465 documented, Palestinian victims, including 59 females, whose



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bodies have been identified through leaked images of the victims of torture in the Syrian regime prisons. 35 women died due to torture, according to the testimonies of the released, and dozens of other Palestinian and Syrian refugees who have died in the Syrian prisons, either as a result of direct liquidation or under torture, after being subjected to cruelty and the most severe forms of torture. There have been direct arrests of people at checkpoints or during military incursions into Syrian towns and villages, or during indiscriminate arrests carried out in a region. After the arrest, it is impossible for anyone to identify the fate of the detainee, and in many cases, the security forces contact the detainees' relatives, to come to receive their bodies from a military or public hospital.



Meanwhile, the Action Group's Monitoring and Documentation Team confirmed that the Group's statistics, and in conjunction with Palestinian Prisoners' Day, indicate that there are 1674 Palestinian detainees in the Syrian prisons, documented by the Group, of which 106 are women. The numbers of the detained and victims of torture are expected to be higher than those announced, due to the absence of any official statistics issued by the Syrian regime, in addition to



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the fear of some relatives of the detained or victims of revealing their cases, dreading the reaction of the security services in Syria.

In another context, the Action Group's correspondent said that a delegation of the Syrian regime entered the areas controlled by ISIS on Monday night, to negotiate the possibility of the departure of its members from south Damascus to the Yarmouk Basin area in Deraa, south of Syria, to avoid any military action on the south. ISIS rejected this and insisted on staying in the areas it controls, warning of the possibility of a nearby military action by the regime forces on Yarmouk camp, during the next few days.

In the meantime, the Syrian regime forces bombarded ISIS's sites in Yarmouk camp on Monday-Tuesday night, with mortar shells and surface-to-surface missiles, causing material damage.

Intermittent clashes also broke out between ISIS and the Syrian regime forces and the Palestinian factions affiliated to it, yesterday morning, on the axis of the Martyrs' Sector in Yarmouk camp. Light, medium and heavy machine guns were used in the fighting that coincided with the bombardment of other areas in the camp that led to material damage.

In the meantime, there is still uncertainty about the fate of hundreds of civilians still living in the camp and waiting with extreme concern for the battle to begin in south Damascus, which will impose danger on their lives if a safe corridor is not opened for them to leave Yarmouk camp.



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UNRWA's spokesperson, "Samy Meshaashaa" had previously described the security developments in Yarmouk camp and its surroundings as "worrying," and called on all sides of the conflict to give the civilians who want to flee the areas of conflict, an opportunity to leave safely and peacefully.



He added: "Medical evacuations and safe access should also be allowed for the distribution of life-saving assistance, which include food and medicine, to all civilians trapped inside Yarmouk and its adjacent areas; Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahm."

In a similar context, the armed Syrian opposition factions that control the towns neighboring to Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees in Damascus, announced its closure of the Orouba crossing, which links between the camp and Yelda and is considered the only port for the people living in the camp that is under the siege of the Syrian regime and the Palestinian factions affiliated to it, for 1733 days so far.



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Palestinians of Syria: April 17, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3696, including 467 women
- 1674 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 1,733 days in a row
- 206 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1468 days, and 1317 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 565 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, while 31 thousand refugees are estimated to be in Lebanon, 17 thousand refugees are sheltered in Jordan, 6 thousand refugees are in Egypt, 8 thousand refugees are staying in Turkey, and one thousand Palestinian-Syrians are in Gaza.