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"UNRWA: The latest reductions of the Palestinian refugees' humanitarian aid will destroy their lives"

- Clashes in Yarmouk camp between ISIS and 'Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham' renewed
- Palestinians in south Damascus suffering continues, with complete dependence on the charitable kitchens and assistance
- Residents of Khan Al-Sheih camp complain of deliberate marginalization in the provision of services

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Latest Developments

UNRWA has stated that the latest reductions of the Palestinian refugees' humanitarian aid will destroy the lives of approximately 5 million refugees, and they kept their hope alive, according to the Agency.

The Agency stressed that the United States' great financial reductions will have a major impact on the daily lives of millions of Palestinian refugees.

The Agency expressed its fear that 525 thousand students in 700 of UNRWA's schools are facing danger towards their education and futures. Also in the danger zones are the dignity and safety of the millions of Palestinian refugees who are need of urgent food assistance and the other types of aid in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.



UNRWA added that it is keen to continue providing dynamic support to the Palestinian refugees in the West Bank, including east Jerusalem, as well as Gaza, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan, noting that the school doors will remain open to ensure that they can receive their education.



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On the 16th of January, the United States of America announced that it will freeze almost have of the initial assistance that it intends to give to UNRWA.

The American government revealed that it will provide UNRWA with 60 million dollars, however it will suspend another 65 million dollars in the meantime, saying that UNRWA must run some unclarified maintenance procedures.

In the meantime, the Action Group's correspondent reported news of renewed fighting between members of 'Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham' and ISIS on Wednesday-Thursday night, on the axis of west Yarmouk. He noted that ISIS had launched a night attack on Tahrir Al-Sham's sites, located in the axis of Haifa Street in the center of the camp, using light and medium weapons. No casualties were reported on both sides of conflict.



ISIS is in control of a number of 'Tahrir Al-Sham's' sites, as a result of a surprise attack it launched on the 14th of January, on the members of 'Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham', west of Yarmouk camp. The attack resulted in ISIS taking control over the headquarters of the



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Palestinian Charitable Association, Abd Al-Qader Al-Hossini School and a nursery adjacent to the Abd Al-Qader Al-Hossini School, which belongs to 'Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham.' The fighting led to the death of 5 members of 'Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham,' and the kidnapping of 3 others.

Also in south Damascus, the Palestinian refugees displaced to the towns of south Damascus are complaining of the difficulties they are facing in guaranteeing food for their families, despite the presence of many food sources, vegetables and fruits in the markets. The majority of people are unable of obtaining even small amounts of food, due to low economic conditions aside the inflated prices of the main supplies, at record breaking rates. The rise has reached 1000% in some cases, over the past six years.

Meanwhile many of the poor Palestinian families are dependent of the charity kitchens and assistance, in addition to the food baskets provided by UNRWA and a number of relief charities. However, the quantities they are given do not meet their needs because of the widespread of unemployment among them and the lack of financial sources and a consistent income. Most of the refugees have lost their jobs because of the ongoing war in Syria.

The towns of Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahm are among the areas who have welcomed the refugees displaced from Yarmouk, Sabinah, Al-Hossaineyya and Sayeda Zeinab camps.

The displaced Palestinians and residents of south Damascus are living in conditions which are more severe and debilitating, due to the ongoing war in Syria and the siege imposed by the Syrian regime



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and the Palestinian factions affiliated to it, over the area. The regime is also imposing taxes on the entry of food supplies and clothing, leading to a negative impact on the residents who have had to change their priorities because of the changes that have happened to their conditions since March 2011. Most of the Palestinian and Syrian families have disposed their basic necessities, only to think about guaranteeing enough food to save the members of their families' lives.

In another context, residents of the Khan Al-Sheih camp for Palestinian refugees in the suburbs of Damascus are complaining from the regression of their living and economic conditions, due to the ongoing war in Syria and the neglect and deliberate marginalization they are receiving from the governmental bodies towards the camp, and not guaranteeing and providing it with the basic necessities. The residents are suffering from the significant spread of rubbish along the west side of the highway, as well as the cutting of landlines, water and electricity for long periods of time, without finding radical solutions similar to those around the camp.





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On the economic side, the residents of the camp are suffering from humanitarian conditions they described as miserable, due to the widespread of unemployment among the residents of the camp and the lack of financial sources, as a result of the siege imposed on the camp. The regime bans its residents from entering or leaving the camp without security permission, only allowing employees and school and university students to leave the camp, after registering their names a day before they depart in the detachment of the Palestine Liberation Army.

The residents of the Khan Al-Sheih camp are living in a state of worry and fear as a result of the continuing raids and arrests that have affected many of them, despite an agreement between the Syrian regime and the armed Syrian opposition to stay away from the people and to lift the strict siege imposed on the camp.

Palestinians of Syria: January 18, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3640, including 463 women
- 1653 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 1,646 days in a row
- 204 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition



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- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1383 days, and 1223 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 481 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
- 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