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"Intermittent clashes in the west of Yarmouk camp and reports suggest the departure of a number of ISIS's leaders from south Damascus"

- Abd El-Majid: "If a military operation occurs it won't last long"
- ISIS releases Palestinian activist "Ayman Dawah"
- Appeals to ensure the treatment of a Palestinian Syrian child diagnosed with "lupus erythematosus"
- Greek Supreme Court lifts geographical restrictions on the new arrivals to the Greek islands

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Latest Developments

The Action Group's correspondent reported that intermittent clashes broke out yesterday on the axis of the Martyrs' Sector in Palestine Street, Yarmouk camp, between the Syrian regime forces and the Palestinian factions affiliated to it and ISIS. Light and medium weapons were used in the fighting, and no casualties were reported on either side. This coincided with the outbreak of confrontations between on the axes of (Zleekha neighborhood and Daaboul street), which both divide under the opposition-dominated, town of Yelda and the Tadamon neighborhood, which is controlled by the regime.

ISIS has forced the civilians in the buildings extending from Loubia Street to Yarmouk Secondary School for Girls, to leave their houses under the threat of weapons. At the same time, ISIS announced the Martyrs' Sector area a closed military zone.



In the same context, the Action Group received reports confirming the departure of a number of ISIS's leaders from Yarmouk camp and Al-Hajar Al-Aswad, heading to the north of Syria.



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According to the reports, the leaders of ISIS left through checkpoints belonging to the Syrian regime. The Group was unable to verify the authenticity of the reports from other sources.

On his part, the Secretary of the Alliance of Palestinian Resistance Forces, Khaled Abd El-Majid, said that the military operation against the armed men in the camp, if it takes place, will not be difficult or long and will last for a limited number of days only. He indicated that the number of armed presence in the south of Damascus; Yarmouk camp, Al-Hajar Al-Aswad, Al-Qadam, Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahm include 160 members of Al-Nusra Front and their families, which do not exceed 300. There are 800 armed persons from ISIS in Yarmouk camp, 1500 members of ISIS in Al-Hajar Al-Aswad and Al-Qadam, and approximately 300 armed men from Jaysh al-Ababil are in the Tadamon neighborhood. According to Abd El-Majid, the number of civilians in the camp does not exceed 4000.

Meanwhile, media sources close to the Syrian regime confirmed that a Russian delegation entered Al-Tadamon neighborhood and Yarmouk camp on Wednesday, to negotiate with Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham and Jaysh al-Ababil, in order to settle the conditions of their members or to leave the camp.

Those sources noted that ISIS continues to refuse negotiating with the regime and leaving the southern region. On its part, the Syrian regime gave ISIS a deadline for the implementation of the mechanisms of the agreement. If it continues to reject, the regime will launch a massive military operation on the southern region.



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In another context, ISIS released Palestinian refugee and activist, “Ayman Dawah,” after being detained in Yarmouk camp for 5 days.



ISIS commits and has committed many violations against the civilians, since it took control of Yarmouk camp in early April 2015. It has also implemented a series of punishments such as whipping, hand-cutting and foot amputation, on charges of committing legal violations according to his claim.

On their part, Palestinian activists have appealed to ensure the treatment of Palestinian child, “Youssef Zaatout” in the hospitals of Damascus, who suffers a severe deterioration in his health condition, since he was diagnosed with "lupus erythematosus," which led to the delay and damage of his kidneys and affected his general health, putting his life at risk if he does not receive the necessary treatment.



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According to the activists, “Youssef” was displaced from Yarmouk camp to the town of Qudsaiya in the suburbs of Damascus, and he is in desperate need of continuous treatment, blood transfusion and dialysis, in addition to his urgent need in a kidney transplant. The weekly cost of his treatment is approximately 30000 Syrian pounds, or \$70.



In Greece, the Greek Supreme Court issued a judicial decision to lift the geographical ban on the new arrivals to the Greek islands, where they will be taken to the Greek mainland directly, until their situation is resolved or a new government decision is taken.

The Court noted that the refugees currently on the Greek Islands would remain as they are, until their legal proceedings regarding the asylum interviews are completed, and they receive the results.

In the first government response to the Supreme Court of Greece, the new Greek Immigration Minister said: "We will discuss in the ministry, in an upcoming meeting, how we will deal with the decision of the Supreme Court and how it will be implemented on the ground."



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On its part, some humanitarian organizations criticized the Court's decision and considered it of great arrogance against the refugees stranded on the Greek islands for the past few months, who are complaining of dire humanitarian conditions as a result of the marginalization of aid by the Greek government, whose requests for asylum in the island of Chios and in Greece are being processed very slowly, because of the large numbers of refugees.

The number of Palestinian-Syrians stranded in Greece is estimated at 400 refugees, most of which are on the islands of "Lebos, Mytellini, Chios, Leros and Kos," including families, children, women and elderly people. They are distributed to refugee camps, some of them living in tents and others in large halls or caravans.

Palestinians of Syria: April 18, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3697, 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 1,734 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 1469 days, and 1318 days in Yarmouk Camp



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- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 567 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.