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“Tough humanitarian conditions lived by the displaced from Yarmouk camp to the neighboring towns”

- ISIS prepares to storm in to the areas of Tahrir Al-Sham in Yarmouk camp
- Reconciliation committee searches with Abdul Majid ways to end the crisis in Yarmouk camp
- Syrian regime continues to detain the Palestinian “Ahmed Abu Touq” for almost 5 years
- Euro-Mediterranean: 95% of Palestinians in Syria lack food security

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Latest Developments

The Action Group's correspondent in south Damascus reported that the hundreds of Palestinian families that were displaced from Yarmouk camp to the neighboring towns of Yelda, Babilla and Beit Sahm, because of the latest wave of bombardments and fighting, are living in dire humanitarian conditions as a result of the lack of adequate shelters for them.

Our reporter indicated that the number of those displaced families ranges between 400 to 500 families, and a number of them have been secured in houses that are considered unfit for housing by some institutions and activists. He added that the rest of the families were hosted by their relatives or friends, while a number of families were able to find a dwelling containing some household items and utensils.

Our correspondent stressed that the displaced families are complaining of tragic living conditions, because they were prevented from taking their needs from the camp to the neighboring towns. ISIS only allowed each family to take a few clothes in only one bag, as well as one blanket with them.

Our correspondent explained that from 10-15 families were unable to obtain temporary housing in the neighboring towns, forcing them to return to the camp, despite the danger of the situation.



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In another context, the Action Group's correspondent in south Damascus reported that ISIS is preparing to storm in to the areas controlled by Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham in the besieged Yarmouk camp.

The correspondent added, ISIS has brought armored vehicles and a loader, and mobilized its members on the lines of contact with Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham, to prepare for a new incursion. It also placed its snipers on the battle axes, following news that the Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham intends to leave Yarmouk, to the north of Syria.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights had revealed yesterday that, "The agreement, which will bring out the fighters of Faylaq al-Rahman and Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham and their families and rejecters of the agreement of civilians, states in one of its undeclared items, the transfer of the fighters of Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham and their families from the areas of their control in yarmouk camp, Damascus, to the north of Syria with the outlaws, within this agreement in the eastern Ghouta."



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Yarmouk camp is witnessing a state of anxiety and tension, as a result of the clashes between Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham and ISIS, and ISIS's attempts to proceed at the expense of the areas of Tahrir Al-Sham's control, in addition to the intermittent fighting with the armed opposition groups in south Damascus.



In the same context, the National Reconciliation Committee in Yarmouk camp and the southern region, searched during its visit to the headquarters of the Secretary of the Alliance of Palestinian Resistance Forces "Khaled Abdul Majid", which took place on Sunday 25-03-2018, the latest developments in Yarmouk camp and the ways to intensify efforts for the withdrawal of the armed groups, ISIS and Tahrir Al-Sham, from the camp and free it completely of weapons.

The meeting also touched on the mechanism of coordination between the Palestinian factions and the concerned parties by the



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Syrian regime, and the arrangements for the withdrawal and deportation of elements of the Nusra Front located in Yarmouk camp, with their families.

The regime has signed a number of agreements with ISIS and Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham, regarding their exit from Yarmouk camp to the north of Syria, however, all these initiatives have not been successful, except for an agreement between the Syrian regime, the factions and Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham (previously known as Al-Nusra), in May 2017 within what is known as the Four Cities Agreement, which orders the evacuation of the wounded members of Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham and their families from Yarmouk camp in south Damascus, to Idlib in north Syria.

Meanwhile, the Syrian regime continues to detain 33-year-old, Palestinian, “Ahmed Abu Touq” since 04-09-2013 and to this date. He was arrested within a series of random arrests that were carried out by the regime forces at the beginning of the Raml refugee camp in Lattika, where he lives. No information has been revealed about him so far.





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In another context, the Euro-Mediterranean Observatory for Human Rights said that 90% of Palestinians in Syria are lacking food security, and are therefore in desperate need of persistent humanitarian assistance, and that 93% are classified as weak or very weak, while the unemployment rate among Palestinian refugees in Syria is 52.2%.



This came in a new documentary report issued by the Observatory on the suffering of Palestinian-Syrian refugees titled, “Palestinians of Syria... Renewed Migrations,” which highlights the reality of displacement and the deteriorating humanitarian conditions for the Palestinians of Syria in the new diaspora. The report also monitors the state of homelessness and frequent asylum of Palestinians in Syria, where the number of victims of Palestinian refugees in Syria has exceeded 3600 refugees, out of the 526 thousand Palestinian refugees living in Syria.



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The report indicated that the humanitarian situation lived by Palestinians of Syria may be the most difficult for the refugees in the world, in the shadow of the 7 years of devastating war in Syria, especially that they are refugees for the second time and stateless persons, making them face renewed tragedies and closed doors wherever they go.

The Euro-Mediterranean noted that its team will meet this week with the head of the Middle East and North Africa, in both the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), to discuss the situation of Palestinian refugees from Syria and the possible ways to mitigate the effects of war on them, whether its regarding the 254 thousand refugees displaced within Syria, or the 160 thousand refugees who migrated to the neighboring countries and Europe.

On his part, the Legal Adviser to the Euro-Mediterranean Observatory, Ihsan Adel said: “The objective of the report is to highlight the renewed tragedy faced by the Palestinian-Syrians. Inside Syria, they are either internally displaced; (58% of the total Palestinian-Syrians are displaced and 13% of them are stranded in places that are difficult or impossible to reach) or targeted, if they try to get out of Syria they find the doors closed before them. Many countries refuse to allow them to enter their territories, since they are non-nationality holders or are refugees for the second time.”



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Adel adds: “We want to study with the relevant UN agencies, particularly the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, what can be done for these refugees, both in terms of providing assistance to them, especially with the reduction in UNRWA's budget, or in order to communicate with the concerned countries and put an end to the abuses and pressures exerted on refugees and to open the door to asylum in front of them, as well as reducing the waiting periods for the family unification applications regarding the Palestinian refugees from Syria in Europe, and providing safe means for their immigration to them, in a legal manner”

Palestinians of Syria: March 26, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3685, including 467
- women
- 1673 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 1,711 days in a row
- 206 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 1448 days, and 188 days in Yarmouk
- Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 543 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