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"Warning of scams aimed at the families of detainees in Syria"

- Syrian regime continues to detain Palestinian "Yehia Ahmed Al-Bash" since 2012
- Clashes in Yarmouk camp and a member of a Syrian-affiliated faction wounded
- ISIS in south Damascus whips one of its members for adultery and arrests another for smuggling

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Latest Developments

Activists have warned the families of the Palestinian and Syrian detainees in the Syrian regime prisons of being subjected to scam and blackmailing, carried out by intermediaries, including some lawyers who claim to know the whereabouts and fate of the detainees in the Syrian security branches, in exchange for money.

The activists added that a number of those who claim to know the fate of their relatives, have social media accounts, including the owner of the account named “Sayed Mohammed,” who is known to be a scammer and has blackmailed the families’ of the detainees telling them that he is a former detainee, then requests money for the exchange of information or services that could help the families to release their detained relatives.



According to the activists: “The families are subjected to systematic blackmailing and the exploitation of their feelings and fear regarding their detained family members who have been missing for years. They ask for very large sums of money in order to provide the locations of the sons to be able to release them later on. The



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numbers start from \$2000 and could reach \$20000 in some cases, based on the charges the detainee faces.”

Activists and released detainees called on the families to take care when providing information about their detained relatives on social media networks. It is preferable that no information is provided beyond the name, date of birth and date of detention.

The website noted the importance of checking the credibility of the information provided thoroughly, whether regarding the detainee or the conditions of his arrest and the related legal issues. It also warned the families to keep their profiles' security limited to their friends only and not accepting any friend requests from people they do not know or trust, on their social media network accounts.

Within context, the Syrian regime continues to detain Palestinian, “Yehia Ahmed El-Bash,” born in 1960, for the sixth consecutive year. The Syrian regime arrested him on 05-10-2012 and took him to an unknown location. To this date, no information about his fate or location has been revealed.

AGPS receives a number of messages and information about the detained Palestinians. They are then documented despite the difficulty of recording information because the Syrian regime continues to hide the fate, names and locations of the detainees. The Group has recorded the detention of 1652 Palestinian refugees in the Syrian regime prisons, including more than 105 women.

In south Damascus, reports from the besieged Yarmouk camp in south Damascus confirmed the outbreak of clashes between the



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Free Palestine Movement, affiliated to the Syrian regime, and factions of ISIS, at the Martyrs sector in the camp.

The Free Palestine Movement, said that its fighter “Ahmed Fawzy Dawa,” “Abu Ramy” got injured while members of ISIS attempted to infiltrate to the Martyrs' sector on Palestine Street.



In the meantime, local sources in south Damascus stated that ISIS whipped one of its members named “Moaweya” 100 times, for adultery charges, after worshipers left a mosque in the area. ISIS’s security office also raided the house of one of the residents of Al-Hajar Al-Aswad named “Zahy,” and arrested him on charges of smuggling people from south Damascus to the outside of the region in exchange for money.

ISIS has launched a number of arrest attacks which affected dozens of civilians in Yarmouk camp and Al-Hajar Al-Aswad for violating laws or cooperating with the armed opposition groups and ‘Hayat Tahrir Al-Sham.’



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Palestinians of Syria: January 28, 2018 Statistics:

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3642, including 463 women
- 1655 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 1,654 days in a row
- 204 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1390 days, and 1230 days in Yarmouk Camp
- The Regime army has been in control of Handarat camp for more than 489 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.