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U.N. calls for help for Yarmouk

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THE READING

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The U.N. wants humanitarian access to the besieged Yarmouk refugee camp in Damascus. It is worried about the 18,000 Palestinian refugees in the camp. Many residents escaped after ISIS invaded last Wednesday. Jordan's Ambassador to the UN called "for the protection of civilians" and for "life-saving assistance". Another UN spokesperson said the situation was "desperate". He said people were most concerned about "bare survival".

Yarmouk was set up in 1957 for Palestinian refugees. It became the largest Palestinian refugee community in Syria. About 160,000 people lived there. Eighteen months of bombing and a siege during Syria's civil war already made life there impossible. It now looks like a ghost town, with bombed-out buildings everywhere. ISIS now controls about 90 per cent of the camp. Syria is worried ISIS will use Yarmouk as a base to attack Damascus.

Sources: <http://www.arabnews.com/middle-east/news/729421>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yarmouk_Camp
<http://www.dw.de/syria-offers-military-help-to-palestinians-in-yarmouk-camp/a-18366294>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|-------------------|
| 1. the besieged Yarmouk | a. last Wednesday |
| 2. 18,000 Palestinian | b. escaped |
| 3. Many residents | c. of civilians |
| 4. ISIS invaded | d. assistance |
| 5. the protection | e. survival |
| 6. life-saving | f. was desperate |
| 7. Another UN spokesperson said the situation | g. refugee camp |
| 8. bare | h. refugees |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. set | a. worried |
| 2. the largest Palestinian refugee | b. ghost town |
| 3. civil | c. base to attack Damascus |
| 4. It now looks like a | d. 90 per cent of the camp |
| 5. bombed-out | e. up in 1957 |
| 6. ISIS now controls about | f. community |
| 7. Syria is | g. buildings everywhere |
| 8. use Yarmouk as a | h. war |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The U.N. wants humanitarian (1) _____ Yarmouk refugee camp in Damascus. It is (2) _____ 18,000 Palestinian (3) _____. Many residents escaped after ISIS invaded last Wednesday. Jordan's Ambassador (4) _____ "for the protection of civilians" and for "(5) _____". Another UN spokesperson said the situation was "desperate". He said people were most concerned (6) _____.

Yarmouk (7) _____ 1957 for Palestinian refugees. It became the largest Palestinian (8) _____ in Syria. About 160,000 people lived there. Eighteen months of (9) _____ during Syria's civil war already (10) _____ impossible. It now looks like a ghost town, with (11) _____ everywhere. ISIS now controls about 90 per cent of the camp. Syria is worried ISIS will use Yarmouk (12) _____ Damascus.

REFUGEES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about refugees in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

