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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"On Int'l Women's Day: Thousands of Palestinian Women Displaced, Tortured in War-Torn Syria"

- 2 Children Rescued from Fire Rocking AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian Refugees
- Turkey Bans Migrants from Syria from Traveling to Greek Cities
- AGPS Launches WhatsApp Group for Palestinians from Syria in Sudan

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Latest Developments

AGPS documented the death of 478 Palestinian women and girls from Syria due to reasons related to deadly shelling, lack of health care, and fatal torture.

At least 35 Palestinian women and girls were tortured in Syrian government dungeons, some among whom have been identified via leaked snapshots, according to AGPS data.

As many as 110 Palestinian women and girls have, meanwhile, been secretly held in Syrian state jails. Dozens of female refugees have gone missing inside and outside the Syrian territories. 26 others breathed their last onboard the “death-boats” to Europe, fleeing bloody warfare in Syria.



AGPS believes the number to be far higher as scores of casualties have gone undocumented after the Syrian authorities kept their names secret. Several families have also refused to reveal their relatives' names over retaliation concerns.



According to affidavits by ex-detainees and breakaways, Palestinian women and girls have been subjected to harsh psycho-physical torture tactics in Syrian penitentiaries, including electric shocks, heavy beating using iron sticks, and sexual abuse.

Such practices represent flagrant violations of the Declaration on the Protection of Women and Children in Emergency and Armed Conflict of 1974, Article 5, which criminalizes all forms of torture and mistreatment against women and children.

Several women have also gone homeless or widowed after they lost their husbands and/or children in the war or due to torture. AGPS found out that among 45,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon, 3,360 families have had women as their sole breadwinners.

Thousands of other women have been displaced from such refugee camps as Yarmouk and Khan Eshieh to northern Syria, where they have been struggling for survival in the impoverished refugee tents.

Inherently a taboo misdemeanor in the MENA region, violence against women, be it sexual, physical, or verbal, has remained under-reported among the Palestinian refugee community in Syria, with reasons wavering between fear of retaliation, embarrassment, social prestige, fear of punishment for those below the age of criminal responsibility, and distrust in law enforcement.

In another development, two children below three years of age were rescued after fires broke out inside their family home. The



children kept crying for help before a number of residents rushed to the scene and took them out.

The house belongs to the Palestinian refugee Mootaz Tarshahani.

Residents of AlNeirab Camp have been grappling with dire socio-economic conditions as a result of the price hike, high rates of unemployment, and absence of relief assistance.



In the meantime, the Turkish Immigration Department issued on Friday a decision outlawing the travel of migrants from Syria to Greek cities adjacent to northwestern Turkey.

The Turkey in Arabic news site quoted a private source as stating that the decision was issued by Turkish Immigration Department in Ankara.

The ban is to be put into effect until April 1, 2019. The concerned migrants are those taking shelter in Istanbul, Edirne, Tekirdag, Kırklareli, Çanakkale, Kocaeli, Bursa, Yalova, Balıkesir, Bilecik, and Sakarya.



The ban comes shortly after anonymous persons launched a so-called “Hope Convoy” campaign, seeking to reach European countries via Greece.

Meanwhile, AGPS launched an e-group via WhatsApp for Palestinians from Syria in Sudan in an attempt to help refugees to speak up for their rights and concerns.

The group does not provide direct relief assistance. It seeks to transmit the voice of the Palestinians of Syria to the world. Reports and news articles are shared on a daily basis on the new group.

Similar moves have been launched by the London-based AGPS to speak up for the Palestinians of Syria in Lebanon, Turkey, Germany, the Netherlands, Austria, Sweden, the UK, Egypt, Jordan, and Greece.

Palestinian refugees from Syria in Sudan can join the group via the following link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Bs74Se2Tlev2zI16EdzSsI>