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الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



**"Over 1,724 Palestinian Refugees Enduring Mysterious Fate in Syrian State Jails"**

- Hamdallah: 2nd Batch of Yarmouk's Reconstruction Money to Be Dispatched Soon
- Debris-Clearance Kick-Started in AlSayeda Zeinab Camp
- Fuel Supplies Distributed to Displaced Families in AlBekaa
- Yarmouk Camp Subjected to Deadly Shelling, Property-Theft in 2018

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## Latest Developments

Over 1,724 Palestinian refugees have been secretly held in Syrian government dungeons, where 565 others have been tortured to death.

AGPS has been deeply concerned about the upsurge in the number of Palestinian victims of torture and enforced disappearance in Syria.



AGPS estimates the real number of victims to be far higher than that disclosed by the Syrian government. Dozens of families have refused to reveal their relatives' names for fear of retaliation.

AGPS continues to urge the Syrian government to reveal the exact number and fate of Palestinian detainees, to seriously work on halting harsh torture tactics, launch fact-finding probes into crimes of torture, and to bring those involved in such crimes before courts.

In another development, Palestinian Prime Minister, Rami Hamdallah, said efforts have been underway to transfer the second cash batch allotted for the reconstruction of Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Damascus.



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Hamdallah released his pledges in the Israeli-occupied Bethlehem city, during a meeting with representatives of the committee overseeing debris-clearance and reconstruction of AlShuhadaa Cemetery in Yarmouk.

Hamdallah said efforts have been under full swing to boost reconstruction of Yarmouk Camp and cooperate with the concerned authorities to that end.



Recently, the Syrian authorities issued instructions to suspend removal of debris in Yarmouk after Damascus governorate was tasked with following up on the rehabilitation file.

Along the same line, the Syrian authorities embarked on a campaign to clear rubble piled up in residential alleyways during Syria's eight-year bloody warfare.

Residents of AlSayeda Zeinab Camp in Rif Dimashq have been grappling with dire conditions due to the absence of financial resources and the high unemployment rates. As a result, several refugees have been forced to seek shelter outside of the country while others have found no other option than to join pro-government committees.



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Meanwhile, the Committee to Follow Up on Displaced Palestinians in AlBekaa handed over fuel supplies to a number of Palestinian and Syrian families taking refuge in Lebanon's central and western AlBekaa after a torrential snowstorm has rocked the region.

Some 950 displaced Palestinian families from Syria have been struggling for survival in AlBekaa due to the freezing temperatures and the absence of relief assistance by UNRWA and the Palestinian Authority, among other concerned bodies.

In the meantime, severe crises rocked Yarmouk Camp in 2018 owing to the bloody shootouts between ISIS, AlNusra Front, and the pro-government battalions.

The situation took a dramatic turn for the worse following a military offensive launched by the Syrian government battalions in an attempt to force ISIS and Tahrir AlSham gunmen out of the area.

An operation launched by the government battalions, in partnership with the Russian squads, on April 19, 2018 on Yarmouk Camp, AlTadhamun neighborhood, AlKadam, and AlHajar AlAswad, led to



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the destruction of 60% of civilian structures and the death of dozens of civilians.

On May 21, 2018, shortly after the Syrian government held sway over the camp, pro-government militias burglarized civilian homes in and around Yarmouk.

During the last quarter of 2018, efforts were launched by local committees to remove debris and rehabilitate the camp. However, the displaced families have not been allowed to return to their homes.