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Victims

Palestinian photographer Niraz Sa'id, from Yarmouk Camp, died under torture in Syrian government jails, where he had been detained for three years.

Niraz Sa'id was kidnapped on October 2, 2015 by Syrian government forces and dragged to a detention center in Damascus.

His wife Lamees al-Khatib lamented him on Facebook saying, "It's so hard to say it but yes they killed my beloved husband, they killed Niraz. They killed you my soulmate! Niraz was killed in Syrian government dungeons."



Sa'id left Yarmouk after ISIS stormed the camp on April 1, 2015. Sa'id, along with other peaceful activists, faced several assassination threats.

The casualty received several awards for his works of art documenting the different phases of the blockade imposed on Yarmouk. One such reward was given to him by UNRWA during a photography competition. Sa'id's timeless photograph capturing the



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anguish of children affected by the ongoing conflict in Syria won first prize in the European Union-supported 2014 UNRWA youth photography competition. Titled ‘The Three Kings’, the image shows three brothers waiting their turn to leave the besieged refugee camp in order to receive medical treatment.

Sa’id received several international awards for his film “Letters from Yarmouk”. His photos were put on display in two exhibitions in Occupied Jerusalem and Ramallah.

Latest Developments

The mother of the Palestinian refugee from Syria Husam AlDeen Hasan Abdullah Hasan, aged 33, urged Tahrir AlSham Commission to release her son, who has been held captive since July 7.

Husam’s mother said her son and four other Palestinians were kidnapped by Tahrir AlSham forces some eight days earlier in Harem area, in Idlib. Two detainees have been identified as residents of Syria while three others were residents of Ein Hilweh Camp in Lebanon.





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The five Palestinians were kidnapped on allegations of entering Idlib through Erbil city.

The mother added that four detainees were released while her son has been kept captive.

Husam's mother expressed concern that Tahrir AlSham would execute her son who was heading to Idlib in an attempt to reach Turkey on way to Europe.

Meanwhile, Palestinian and Syrian families seeking shelter in Gileen have been enduring abject living conditions due to the lack of relief assistance and the high rates of unemployment rocking the area.

Reporting from Daraa, AGPS correspondent said tension has been running high in Gileen as ISIS militias have tightened the noose around civilians' necks in the area. Tension soared after government forces captured Daraa towns.

Along the same line, Director-General of Commission 302 for Defense of Refugee Rights, Ali Huweidi, urged UNRWA to take up its duty as regards the Palestinian refugees in Syria and to work on providing them with much-needed humanitarian aids.

Hweidi denounced the delay in aid delivery which he said would result in a humanitarian disaster in an area where civilians have been shorn out of food, medicines, and clothes and deprived of vital services, most notably health care and education.

Huweidi also said UNRWA aids cannot be substituted for by aids donated by civil institutions on a sporadic pace.



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In the meantime, the director of a so-called “We Learn with Pleasure for Palestine” camp, Yosra Akil, said 200 Palestinian students from Syria in Lebanon are slated to take part in the third educational camp held by the International Association of Palestinian Teachers in cooperation with the Lebanese ex-education Minister, Abdul Raheem Murad.

The camp is expected to kick off on July 29 and be wrapped up on August 11 at Dar AlHanan orphanage, in western Bekaa.

Akil said the event makes part of underway attempts to bridge intellectual gaps created by the English-based curricula in Lebanon for Palestinians from Syria and to provide a catch-up program for refugees who have faced difficulties accessing educational services.

