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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"The death of a Palestinian due to torture raises the death toll of Palestinians in the Syrian prisons to 480 refugees"

- Palestinian delegations visit the Martyrs' Cemetery in Yarmouk camp
- Residents of Raml camp complain about the accumulation of waste and the spread of rodents on the beach
- In conjunction with a general amnesty rumor, a warning of the operations of roguery targeting the families of detainees in Syria

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Victims

The Action Group documented the death of Palestinian refugee “Mohammed Yehia Sawan,” due to torture in the Syrian regime prisons, after being detained for two years. He was arrested on 1-4-2012, and his death was announced on the 2nd of October 2014. He was a resident of Al-Raml camp in the town of Latikka.



Latest Developments

The Action Group’s Monitoring and Documentation Team confirmed that the death toll of Palestinian refugees due to torture in the Syrian regime prisons, has risen to 480 male and female victims, including children and elderly people.

The Group confirmed that the actual number of victims due to torture is greater than that documented, because of the Syrian regime’s secrecy in revealing names and information regarding the detainees. In addition to the fear of the victims’ families of announcing the death of their son, in case of being chased by the regime.

On its part, the Action Group for Palestinians of Syria renewed its appeal to the Syrian regime, to release and reveal the unknown fates



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of over 1679 Palestinian detainees, stressing that what is taking place inside the Syrian prisons is a “war crime at all levels.”

The Action Group had issued a number of reports, including “Forced Disappearance 1,” “Forced Disappearance 2” and “Massacre of Pictures,” which discussed the Palestinian refugee victims who were killed due to torture and forced displacement, amid the bloody conflict between the Syrian regime and the opposition.

In another context, the residents of the destroyed Yarmouk camp and Palestinian personalities and leaders, visited the Martyrs’ Cemetery in the camp, on the first day of Eid, as part of a custom carried out by the residents every year.

Among the participating delegations are the Secretary-General of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, “Ahmed Jibril,” “Khaled Abd El-Majid,” the Secretary of the Alliance of Palestinian Resistance Forces and a delegation of the Palestinian People 's Party, Fath Al-Intefada and Al-Jihad.



The leaders of the Palestinian factions stressed the need to combine all efforts to restore the life cycle of Yarmouk camp through cleaning the streets, lifting the rubble and the return of the people, on the road to reconstruction.



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They called on UNRWA and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) to stand up to its responsibilities towards the Palestinians in Syria in the Palestinian camps and gatherings, especially in Yarmouk camp.

The two cemeteries in Yarmouk camp were damaged and destroyed as a result of the repetitive bombardments launched by the Syrian regime forces, using explosive barrels and rocket-propelled grenades.

In the meantime, the residents of Al-Raml camp for Palestinian refugees in Latikka, west of Syria, complained about the accumulation of waste and the spread of harmful insects, rodents and bad odors on the shore near the camp.

One of the residents of the camp said that negligence and poor services cause the accumulation of waste and the collection of insects and rodents, which may threaten public health, and cause environmental damage and health hazards to those living in that area.

A resident of the camp said that the waste was removed but that as the temperature escalated, work on waste removal should increase. In addition, the area was not cleaned. He added that the houses were not opened for the fear of rodents and the residents avoid opening their windows due to the unpleasant smells caused by the accumulated waste.

In turn, the residents of the camp appealed to all relevant authorities and officials of UNRWA in Lattakia and the mayor of the region to work out a solution to their problem by starting the implementation



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of insecticide spraying, and placing a mechanism to defeat the spread of insects, which has become a concern for them. They also called for the transfer of the accumulated waste away from the houses and the shore.



The suffering of the people of Al-Raml camp is concentrated on the economic side because of a large number of people have lost their work as a result of the war in Syria, where most of the families rely on the relief aid provided by UNRWA, mainly for their livelihood.

In another context, in conjunction with a rumor indicating the issuance of a general amnesty by the Syrian regime, activists warned the families of the Palestinian and Syrian detainees in the Syrian regime's prisons of being subjected to roguery and blackmailing, carried out by some intermediaries and lawyers who claim to know the location and fate of the detainee in the Syrian security branches, in return for money.

The activists added that the rumor of an amnesty is only a media bubble for Assad's regime, to send a message to the inside and outside of Syria, and to manipulate the emotions of the families who lost their children, and to extort them financially, in order to reveal



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the fate of them missing persons or even to move their files to be covered by the amnesty.

One activist considered that the occurrence of such an amnesty, will only include drug dealers, criminals, thieves and owners of criminal charges of its followers and supporters, in addition to a number of youth who were arrested for failing to serve in the compulsory army service, where they would be placed on the front lines.

The activists confirmed that a number of those claim to know the fates of their children have social media accounts, and blackmail the families of the detained for money, without having information about them.

According to the activists: “The people are subjected to systematic extortion and exploitation of their feelings and their fear for their children who have been absent for years, asking for large sums of money to help identify their locations and releasing them later on. The sums demanded start at \$2000 and reach \$20000, depending on the charges directed to the detainee.”

Activists and former detainees demanded through the “Voice of the Detainees” website, the families of the detainees to take caution before writing any details regarding the detainee on social media networks, stressing that it is preferable to provide the name, date of birth and date of arrest only.

The Amnesty International accused in its report “Between Prison and the Cemetery,” the Syrian regime and its loyalists, of kidnapping and arresting tens of thousands of civilians and that the state is profiting from the spread of forced disappearance, as well as the



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emergence of a black market of deception and trickery who exploit the desire of the relatives of the victims to know the fate of their disappeared loved ones, for a bunch of money.

The Action Group documented the detention of 1679 Palestinian refugees in the Syrian regime prisons, whose fates remain unknown. 480 refugees have died due to torture.