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Victims

Palestinian refugee Mohamed Anis Badwan, called Abu Omar, was killed under torture in Syria's state-run Sednaya military prison, in Rif Dimashq, after he had been kept in jail for over four years, according to his family.



The casualty, aged 56 and the father of four sons and daughters, was kidnapped by Syrian government forces on his way out of the besieged Yarmouk Camp in 2014 to receive UNRWA aids.

According to AGPS data, 559 Palestinian refugees, including women and minors, have died under torture in Syrian state jails.

Latest Developments

A couple of days ago, an AGPS delegation met with representatives of the International Red Cross Committee at the latter's headquarters in Beirut.

The delegations tackled the file of missing and detained Palestinians in Syria along with the efforts made by the Red Cross to urge the



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Syrian authorities to disclose the fate of Palestinians who have been secretly held in government jails.

AGPS briefed the delegation about the number of torture victims and detainees in war-torn Syria, along with the situation endured by displaced Palestinian refugees in northern Syria and those stranded in Thailand.

The two parties vowed to combine forces in order to help families who have been appealing for information over their relatives' fates.

Over 2,100 reports have been issued by AGPS on a daily basis to document the situation of the Palestinians of Syria since 2011 and the violations they have been subjected to both inside and outside of the Syrian territories.

Meanwhile, an oratory festival was held in Yarmouk to mark the 14th anniversary of the death of the former Palestinian President Yasser Arafat. Representatives of Palestinian factions in Damascus and Syrian pro-government delegates have been in attendance.

Member of Fatah's Central Committee Samir AlRefai; Palestinian Ambassador in Damascus Mahmoud AlKhalidi; Secretary-General of the Popular front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, Talal Naji; Deputy head of the Free Palestine Movement, Saed Abdul Al; member of the Baath Party, Ahmad Jumu'a, and other figures joined the festival.

Speakers at the event called for the need to pool resources in order to assuage the crises endured by Palestinian communities and rehabilitate the Yarmouk refugee camp.



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Gunmen affiliated with the Syrian government have been stationed in the area.



The Syrian government forces regained control over Yarmouk Camp and southern Damascus towns following a 33-day military operation launched on April 21. Dozens of civilians were killed and dozens more injured in the offensive. Over 80% of buildings were either totally or partially destroyed.

A number of activists and residents attempting to reach their homes in Yarmouk Camp have been denied access into the area by Syrian government troops deployed at the main entrances to the camp. The government forces stipulated that an access permit be issued by the concerned branches set up in Street 30 and that residence documents be handed over to local authorities in order for civilians to be able to access their homes.

In the meantime, a human rights workshop was staged by the AlNaqeeb School in AlSayeda Zeinab Camp for Palestinian refugees.

Teaching staff members Osama Tarboush, Shamaa Mahmoud, and Iman Saleh elaborated on the human rights toolbox and mechanisms needed to develop and sustain a human rights culture among children.



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AlSayeda Zeinab Camp, held by the Syrian government forces and their affiliated popular committees, has been gripped with dire socio-economic conditions as a result of the high rates of unemployment. Scores of civilians have fled the camp while others have been forced to join pro-government battalions.

