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### الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "Death toll of the Palestine Liberation Army rises to 228 amid demands to neutralize the Syrian conflict"

- Human rights and civil rights organizations call for an international committee to investigate the fate of those who have disappeared in Syrian prisons
- Syrian security continues to detain the Palestinian university student "Maher al-Aish" 5 years on.
- Palestinian refugee wins first position in a bodybuilding championship across Damascus and Lattakia

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## Latest Developments:

The death toll of Palestinian soldiers from the Palestine Liberation Army in Syria has risen to 228 victims. The Monitoring and Documentation Team in the Action Group for Palestinians of Syrian announced that most of the victims died after clashes erupted in different parts of Syria, most of which were in rural Damascus.

The area of Tel Kurdi, located between the cities of Duma and Adra, carried the majority of the army's casualties, followed by Tal Sawan near a Kurdish hill and Swaida area, south of Syria.

This comes amid claims through letters and calls the Action Group received, from activists and the families of victims and the soldiers committed to serve, demanding the members of the Palestine Liberation Army and the related parties not to involve their children in the conflict in Syria, and not to send them to the areas of tension.



About six thousand Palestinians fight for the Palestinian Liberation Army in Syria across more than 15 sites distributed throughout



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Syria, including three thousand engaged in combat, as announced by the army's commander.

Palestinian refugees in Syria are obliged to serve in the Liberation Army, and those who fail to join are subject to prosecution and imprisonment, leading thousands of young men to emigrate abroad.

On another note, Syrian human rights and civic organizations called for the establishment of a mixed international committee consisting of the United Nations and Syrian Civil Society, to uncover the fate of the forcibly detained, the hidden cemeteries and analyze bodies remains in order to reach the victims' identities.

The organizations stated in a letter to the High Commissioner for Human Rights issued on 30th August 2017 and signed by 66 human rights and civil organizations, that it has become clear that the victims are subjected to systematic abuses, including torture in detention centers. They are arrested in completely isolated public and private detention centers held by the Syrian army and affiliated militias, amid the absence of any legal control or health care.

In a statement released on the International Day of Victims of Enforced Disappearance, the organizations requested that the Syrian case be listed as a humanitarian crisis, considering it as a third-degree humanitarian emergency and to work towards its requirements.

The organizations also pressurized the Security Council to carry out its responsibilities and take all necessary measures to stop the



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crimes and violations executed by the Syrian regime in particular, and all parties included in the conflict.

They also urged for all prisons, public and private detention centers to be open and the release of those who were forcibly detained by the Syrian regime, ensuring the security and safety of all detainees.

It also called for all possible support to be provided to the impartial and independent international mechanism to assist in the investigation and demanded the prosecution of those responsible for the most serious crimes under international law, that have been committed in Syria since March 2011.

The Action Group has documented the arrest of 1633 Palestinians including children, women, senior citizens, human rights activists, journalists, doctors, nurses and practitioners. The Monitoring and Documentation Team in the Action Group also documented 472 deaths due to torture in the Syrian regime prisons.

In another context, the Syrian regime continues taking custody of 30-year-old Palestinian university student, Maher Abd el-Hamed al-Aish, after being arrested from the examination room in his science college on 10th of June 2012.

Maher is a third-year student in the Department of Mathematics at the University of Damascus. The last time he was heard from was from one of the detainees released from the air intelligence (Mezzeh) in





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Ramadan 2014. He was born in Tel Hamis in Qamishli, north-east of Syria.

The Action Group receives many letters and information about Palestinian detainees that are documented despite the difficulties and Syrian regime's continued silence about the fate of the detainees and their names and places of detention. So far, the group has documented 1632 Palestinian detainees, including 103 women.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee "Murad Mustafa" won the first place in the Republic's bodybuilding championship that was held earlier this month in Al-Galaa Hall in Damascus.

Mustafa also achieved second place in the 'Beach Master' championship, which took place in the city of Latakia on 29th of August, amid strong competition and the participation of 8 other players with the same weight of 100+.

Many of the Syrian Palestinian elites, university and institute graduates emigrated from Syria, after their camps were bombarded and destructed during the war.





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## **Palestinians of Syria: September 2, 2017 Statistics:**

- The total number of victims documented by the Action Group is 3569, including 462 women.
- 1633 Palestinians are locked up behind Syrian government's bars, 103 of which are women.
- Yarmouk refugee camp is under the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine's siege for 1,508 days in a row.
- 197 refugees, mainly in Yarmouk Camp, have died due to lack of medical care and malnutrition.
- Water supplies have been cut off Deraa Camp for 1245 days, and 1086 days in Yarmouk Camp.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo have been banned from their homes for 1,581 days. Government troops have taken over the camp for more than 334 days.
- Approximately 85 thousand Palestinian-Syrian refugees fled to Europe by the end of 2016.
- 31 thousand refugees are located in Lebanon.
- 17 thousand refugees are sheltered in Jordan.
- 6 thousand refugees are in Egypt.
- 8 thousand refugees are staying in Turkey.
- One thousand refugees are present in Gaza.