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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "AGPS: Over 100 Palestinian Women Forcibly Disappeared in Syrian Jails"

- Palestinians Sheltered in Syria's Alayedeen Camp of Hama City Sound Distress Signals
- Humanitarian Condition in Syria's AlSabina Camp for Palestinian Refugees Exacerbated by Stray Dogs
- Palestinian Refugees Rail Against Horrendous Conditions on Greek Island

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## Latest Developments

AGPS has documented the secret detention of 109 Palestinian women and girls in Syria's government prisons.

AGPS also documented the death of over 30 Palestinian women and girls under torture in Syria's state-run penal complexes.

AGPS believes the numbers to be far higher as scores of casualties have gone undocumented after the Syrian authorities kept their names secret. Several families have also refused to reveal their relatives' names over retaliation concerns.



According to affidavits by ex-detainees, Palestinian women and girls have been subjected to harsh psycho-physical torture tactics in Syrian penitentiaries, including electric shocks, heavy beating using iron sticks, and sexual abuse.

Such practices represent flagrant violations of the Declaration on the Protection of Women and Children in Emergency and Armed Conflict of 1974, Article 5, which criminalizes all forms of torture and mistreatment against women and children.

Inherently a taboo misdemeanor in the MENA region, violence against women, be it sexual, physical, or verbal, has remained

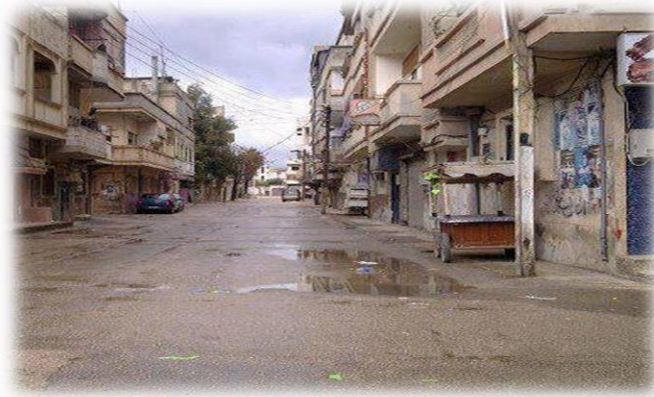


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under-reported among the Palestinian refugee community in Syria, with reasons wavering between fear of retaliation, embarrassment, fear of punishment for those below the age of criminal responsibility, and distrust in law enforcement.

In another development, Palestinians taking shelter in AlYedeen Camp in Hama have been facing a deteriorating humanitarian situation as a result of the price leap, absence of stable financial resources, the sharp shortage in fuel supplies, frequent power blackouts, and absence of humanitarian assistance.

High rates of unemployment, the security turmoil rocking the region, and the arbitrary arrest sweeps launched by the Syrian security forces have made the situation far worse.



AGPS documented the death of 26 Palestinian residents of AlAyedeen Camp in Hama between March 15, 2011 and early October 2019 due to war-related incidents.

Along similar lines, Residents of AlSabina Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, continue to raise concerns over their children's safety as packs of stray dogs continue to be spotted in and around the camp.



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The refugees have appealed to the concerned authorities and NGOs to take urgent action over the spread of feral dogs in the camp, a phenomenon that has seen the day after dozens of civilians were forced out of their homes in the unabated warfare.

Located some 14 kilometers away from southern Damascus, AlSabina Camp has been gripped with an abject situation owing to the absence of humanitarian assistance, relief aids, proper infrastructure, and vital facilities.

Meanwhile, Palestinian and Syrian migrants who have sought shelter in Moria refugee camp, pitched on the Greek island of Mytilene, took to the streets, speaking up against the squalid humanitarian conditions they have been facing.

The refugees also denounced the crackdowns perpetrated by Greek authorities and police against the helpless migrants.

Over recent months, Moria, one of the biggest refugee camps in Europe, has been running at four times its capacity, reportedly with over 12,000 refugees.

Thousands of women and girls are trapped on Greek islands, often in horrendous conditions, due to a “containment” policy for asylum seekers, to facilitate speedy processing and return to Turkey under the EU-Turkey deal.

A few months earlier, UNICEF warned that the number of unaccompanied migrant minors staying in overcrowded reception centers on the Greek islands exceeds 1,100, the highest level since the peak of the refugee crisis in early 2016, calling on European countries to do more to protect vulnerable children.



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Built to house 3,000 people, the Moria facility is hosting more than 8,700, including some 3,000 children, according to UNICEF. There are 520 unaccompanied children at a special section of the camp which was made to hold 160. Overall, Greece is hosting more than 32,000 child migrants of whom 4,100 are unaccompanied.

Activists said it is vital that European governments increase pledges to relocate unaccompanied and separated refugee and migrant children, and fast-track family reunifications for those who already have relatives in Europe and elsewhere.

The refugees' cries for help are a stark reminder that the situation in reception centers in Greece is at a breaking-point.

Palestinian refugees from Syria continue to risk their lives onboard the "death boats" to Greece, rummaging around for a momentary respite from the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction.

AGPS has kept record of the death of dozens of refugees onboard Greece-bound ships. Several others have been arrested by Turkish coast guards.

Activists estimate that around 4,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria are taking shelter in substandard facilities and unequipped reception centers on Greece islands.

