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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



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Latest Developments

AGPS has documented the secret detention of 42 Palestinian refugees sheltered in Daraa Camp, south of Syria, from March 2011 until mid-October 2020.

Three Palestinian residents of Daraa Camp were also tortured to death in Syrian state jails, where a total of 620 Palestinian refugees have also died under torture since the outburst of the bloody warfare.

Field reporters believe the real number to be far higher due to the government's reticence to reveal the names and fates of Palestinian detainees and the families' fears to disclose their relatives' names over retaliation concerns.

The list of victims includes activists, volunteers, medics, engineers, academics, journalists, university students, and artists.

According to data by AGPS, 1,797 Palestinian refugees, among them children, women and elderly refugees, have been enduring unknown fates in Syrian government lock-ups.

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



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AGPS continues to urge the Syrian authorities to disclose the condition and whereabouts of Palestinian refugees held in its penitentiaries.

AGPS believes that such practices represent flagrant violations of international law which criminalizes all forms of torture and mistreatment of civilians.

In another development, the number of Palestinian youths migrating from displacement camps across war-torn Syria has soared.

Recently, several refugee families have made their way from their camps to Turkey, in an attempt to reach Greek seashores, before getting to safety to a European country.

Over 50 Palestinian refugee families fled Syria to Lebanon while scores of others crossed to Turkey from Idlib in a trip costing up to 1,500 per a single person.

Along similar lines, scores of Palestinian children and adults in AlHusainiya refugee camp, in Rif Dimashq, have turned to waste picking as a way to provide for their cash-stripped families.

Waste pickers are seen every day touring the streets to collect trash and recover recyclables, facing the risk of getting contaminated, wounded, or run over by passing vehicles. The phenomenon is compounded by poverty, unemployment, and severe movement restrictions imposed on residents.



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Thousands of displaced Palestinians and Syrians who live below the poverty line have sunk into further despair in the substandard refugee camps set up across the war-ravaged country, where conditions are dire and characterized by overcrowding, poor housing, unemployment, poverty and lack of access to justice.

Protracted displacement, deteriorating socio-economic conditions aggravated by the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, dire humanitarian needs and protection concerns continue to affect the lives of Palestine refugees in Syria, according to UNRWA's "Syria Regional Crisis Emergency Appeal 2021".

UNRWA said in its fact-sheet that in Syria, the protracted conflict has devastated human security and left 91 per cent of the 438,000 Palestine refugees estimated to remain in the country in absolute poverty and 40 per cent displaced.

As the coronavirus pandemic has rebounded around the MENA region and the globe, Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria continue to struggle with growing poverty and economic hardship.

In the meantime, hundreds of displaced Palestinian families sheltered in AlBadawi Camp, in the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli, have launched cries for help over the security mayhem rocking the area due to the uncontrolled circulation of weapons.

Last week, a Syrian woman was fatally shot following an altercation that burst out in the camp.



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Palestinian refugees taking shelter in the camp have appealed to the local popular committees to make urgent steps in response to the arbitrary shootouts carried out by gunmen in the camp.

Statistics conducted by local NGOs documented a remarkable decrease in the number of Palestinian families from Syria sheltered in AlBadawi Camp owing to the life-threatening security turmoil along with the dire socio-economic conditions and ambivalent legal status endured by the displaced families.

In its fact sheet entitled “Syria Regional Crisis Emergency

Appeal 2021”, UNRWA said Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) in Lebanon are grappling with increased hardship and vulnerability, due to long-term displacement and difficult socio-economic conditions, coupled with the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic,

According to UNRWA, 87% of PRS live in poverty in the Lebanese territories.

Over 470,000 refugees are registered with UNRWA in Lebanon. About 45 per cent of them live in the country’s 12 refugee camps. Conditions in the camps are dire and characterized by overcrowding, poor housing conditions, unemployment, poverty and lack of access to justice.

Palestinians in Lebanon do not enjoy several important rights; for example, they cannot work in many professions and cannot own property (real estate). Because they are not formally citizens of



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another state, Palestine refugees are unable to claim the same rights as other foreigners living and working in Lebanon.

In another development, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) held a graduation ceremony at its headquarters in Damascus for a batch of people with special needs who completed a training course in photography.

The course was carried out in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme.

UNRWA's Director of Syria Operations, Michael Amany, congratulated the graduates and wished them a prosperous future.