



## التقرير اليومي



الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية  
The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### UN official: Prisoners in Syria Buried in Mass Graves

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- Palestinian Caricature Figures on Front Page of Swedish Magazine
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## **Latest Development**

Chair of the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic Paulo Pinheiro has asserted that detention in Syria is equivalent to disappearance.

This came during a conference held in the Belgian capital, Brussels, on Friday, on the fate of detainees in the prisons of Bashar Al-Assad's regime.

Pinheiro stressed that the futures of tens of thousands of Syrian civilians are unknown, most of whom have been in the regime's prisons for ten years.

He explained that predictions indicate that most detainees have been executed and buried in mass graves, and others subjected to torture and ill-treatment.

Pinheiro added that being arrested in Syria today is tantamount to disappearing and urged the need to establish an independent mechanism with international authorities to investigate the issue of disappeared civilians.

The UN official stressed that a delay in establishing this mechanism would make it more difficult to uncover the fate of these people.

According to the Syrian Network for Human Rights data, at least 132,000 civilians are currently imprisoned by the regime; the opposition says that the number reaches hundreds of thousands.



The network indicated that the regime had released only 193 people since it announced a "pardon" on 30 April.

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Along similar lines, representatives of the Popular Conference for Palestinians Abroad extended their condolences to the family of Palestinian young man Wasim Omar Seyam, who was identified in a footage of a massacre committed by the Syrian security forces in 2013 in AlTadamun neighborhood, in Damascus.

The delegation participated in the absentee funeral prayers performed at a mosque in Mainz city, west of Germany.

Last week, the Guardian revealed that in 2013 military security agents executed about 42 people, including Seyam and two other Palestinian refugees—Said Ahmad Khatab and Luay AlKubra—by pushing them into a hole, shooting them and then burning them.

Thousands of Syrians were discovered killed under torture when a defector leaked nearly 50,000 photographs in 2014, showing the bodies of some 7,000 detainees mutilated by torture.

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In the meantime, the Folket i Bild magazine in Stockholm chose a caricature by Palestinian refugee from Syria Ahmad Kadoura to figure on its front page.



The caricature embodies Palestinians' commitment to their land and houses, including in Jerusalem's Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood, which has been threatened with Israeli evacuation and ethnic cleansing plans.

Ahmad Kadura, raised in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees, in the northern Syrian province of Aleppo, arrived in Sweden in 2015 fleeing war and economic hardship.

Qaddura held his first gallery in Sheirkh Jarrah neighborhood in Jerusalem. He also displayed his works in Turkey, Qatar, Lebanon, and Sweden.

In the meantime, UNRWA in Syria announced its decision to deliver the second batch of its emergency cash and food aid for 2022 to Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria.

The grant covers the months March, April, and May and will be handed over to the most vulnerable families registered with UNRWA. Every concerned refugee will be receiving 112,500 Syrian pounds.

Refugees registered under other categories will obtain a grant of 82,500 SP.

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.





Many PRS have lost their sources of income; refugee camps have seen unprecedented levels of destruction; rental prices have dramatically gone up; undernourishment and poverty have been a daily nightmare.