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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"110 Palestinian Women Forcibly Disappeared in Syrian Prisons, 34 Fatally Tortured"

- Resident of Palestinian Refugee Camp Killed in Northern Syria Shootouts
- Daraa Camp for Palestinian Refugees Grappling with Bread Dearth
- Palestinian Child in Syria Turns Natural Waste into Eye-Catching Art

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Victims

Young man Khaled Sayel Saleh, a resident of Jaramana camp for Palestinian refugees in Rif Dimashq, was killed as he fought alongside the Syrian government forces in Dadikh village, in the northern Syrian province of Idlib.

According to AGPS data, 1,090 Palestinian refugees were fatally gunned down since the outburst of the deadly warfare in Syria.



Latest Developments

Statistics released by AGPS on the International Women's Day have documented the secret detention of 110 Palestinian women and girls in Syria's government prisons.

AGPS also documented the death of at least 34 Palestinian women under torture in Syria's state-run penal complexes.

At least 486 Palestinian women from Syria have been pronounced dead since the outburst of the bloody warfare in the Syrian Arab Republic.

AGPS believes the numbers to be far higher as scores of casualties have gone undocumented after the Syrian authorities kept their



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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 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.

Meanwhile, residents of Jaramana Camp for Palestinian refugees in Rif Dimashq spoke out against the acute shortage in bread.



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The residents said they have been forced to lineup outside of the local oven for hours in order to get a loaf of bread. Dozens of families have been forced to walk for several kilometers to fetch bread for their starved children.

Long queues are also spotted daily outside of the state-owned bakery, located two kilometers away from the camp, as members of extended families continue to line up for bread.



Daraa Camp for Palestinian refugees has been grappling with abject conditions as a result of the fallouts of the military operation launched by the Syrian government forces in mid-June 2018 using internationally-prohibited weapons in an attempt to recapture the area. Over 70% of civilian homes and property were destroyed.

An acute shortage in medicines and much-needed items has made life unbearable in the area.

In another development, 12-year-old Palestinian girl Sham Hasan received the highest score in the Syrian Arab Republic for her paintings drawn using nature remnants.



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Sham has been raised in Jaramana refugee camp, in Rif Dimashq. Her parents are natives of Jahola village, in Safad, north of Palestinian territories occupied since 1948.

Upon more than one occasion, AGPS has raised alarm bells over the striking upsurge in the rate of school dropouts among the Palestinians of Syria, several among whom have left schools to help feeding their impoverished families in unemployment-stricken refugee camps. Others have, however, managed to achieve outstanding results, challenging the traumatic fallouts of warfare and displacement.