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الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



**"39 Palestinian Refugees from Syria Pronounced Dead in May 2019"**

- Talal Naji: Over 400 Members of PFLP-GC Killed in War-Torn Syria
- Number of Displaced Palestinian Children Taking Up Smoking in Syria Goes Up
- Insects Swamp Palestinian Refugee Camp in Hama
- Antiques Shop Sells Misappropriated Palestinian Paintings in Damascus

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## Latest Developments

AGPS documented the death of 39 Palestinian refugees in Syria in May 2019, 15 among whom as a result of heavy torture in Syrian government jails.

The list also includes 10 Palestinians who died under shelling, seven who were extra-judicially executed, four refugees who died in blasts, and two others as a result of fatal shooting. Another Palestinian was gunned down by sniper fire.



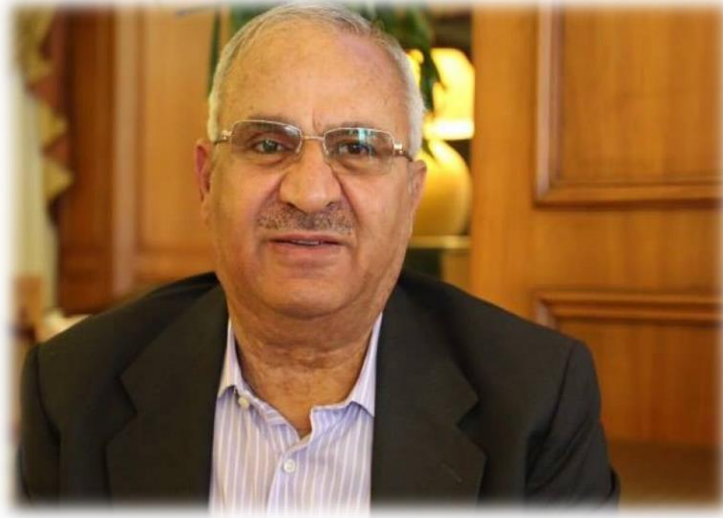
Aleppo topped the list with 11 casualties, followed by Damascus with seven victims. Another three refugees died in Rif Dimashq and two in Hama. One Palestinian was pronounced dead in Daraa while 15 others died in unknown locations.

Along the same line, Assistant Secretary-General of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC), Talel Naji, said 1,858 Palestinian refugees were killed as they fought alongside the Syrian government forces, including



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400 PFLP-GC members, 285 members of the Palestine Liberation Army, 1,100 members of Liwaa AlQuds, 42 members of Fatah AlIntifada, 11 members of the Palestinian Popular Struggle Front, 10 members of AlSaeka Brigade, and 10 others from Free Palestine Movement.



Speaking with AlMaydeen news channel, Naji said nearly 3,500 Palestinian refugees have been pronounced dead in Syria since the outburst of the bloody warfare, adding that 200,000 refugees, out of 535,000 formerly sheltered in Syria, fled the country as a result of the deadly hostilities.

Shortly after the outburst of the conflict, the Syrian government forced Palestinian refugees aged 18 and above to join affiliated militias for periods of at least one year and a half.

Those who refuse conscription are subjected to crackdowns, abductions and even executions. As a result, thousands fled the tension-stricken country in the hunt for a safer shelter.



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Meanwhile, scores of Palestinian children have been spotted taking up cigarettes and hookah as a means to escape the deadly scenes of violence, bloodshed, and dislocation. Many Palestinian children have dropped out of school as a result of the violent warfare.

In live photos circulated on social media networks, Palestinian children appear to be sitting in cafés while taking up cigarettes and hookah.

The bloody warfare in Syria has had traumatic fallouts on Palestinian refugee children in and outside of the Syrian territories.

Post-traumatic stress disorders, mental psychosis, sleeplessness, nightmares, eating disorders, and intense fear have all been among the symptoms with which Palestinian children have been diagnosed after they lost their homes, have had their parents killed in the war, underwent limb amputation, and witnessed daily scenes of death and destruction.

AGPS calls on all international institutions and NGOs, namely UNICEF and UNRWA, to take serious measures in order to provide Palestinian children with the physical and moral protection quite urgently needed at such turbulent times.

Palestinian children from Syria who fled with their parents to neighboring countries have also faced severe psychological breakdowns owing to the perpetual state of dislodgement, dispossession, and homelessness they have been facing.



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In the meantime, residents of AlAyedeen Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Hama, continue to rail against the swift spread of mosquitoes and insects at their homes, saying they have been forced to leave their doors and windows shut for fear of viral infections and viruses contaminating their children's vulnerable bodies.

The residents lashed at out at the local authorities for dragging their feet over civilians' appeals to spray insecticides, calling on the concerned parties to take an urgent action in response.

Palestinian refugee families taking shelter in AlAyedeen Camp continue to sound distress signals over the high rates of unemployment, poor infrastructure, and the absence of vital services.

In another development, a set of paintings stolen from the home of the Palestinian artist Zaki Salam, a resident of Yarmouk Camp, have been put up for sale by an antiques shop in Bab Sharqi, in Damascus.

Palestinian sculptor Zaki Salam confirmed the piece of new on his Facebook page, saying some of his works which were taken from his home on AlUruba Street in Yarmouk Camp are being exhibited in an antiques shop in Damascus' eastern gate.

The artist added that he was robbed of his paintings, furniture, and personal library in the conflict.

Over recent years, pro-government militias have been raking through evacuated homes in Yarmouk and holding sway over



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copper, brass pots, kitchen ware, and electric kit, among other equipments belonging to displaced families.

The Syrian government forces regained control over Yarmouk Camp and southern Damascus towns following a 33-day military operation launched in April 2018. Dozens of civilians were killed and dozens more injured in the offensive. Over 60% of buildings have gone either totally or partially destroyed in the warfare.

