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Latest Developments

Palestinian young man Shadi Mohamed Amarein has died under torture in Syria's state-run lock-ups, where he had been forcibly disappeared for four years.

The Action Group for Palestinians of Syria (AGPS) said in a statement that Shadi's family was recently updated about his death in Syrian regime prisons.

Shadi, a resident of Duma in Rif Dimashq province and a native of the Palestinian village of Tira in Haifa, was arrested at a security checkpoint south of Syria and dragged to a detention center in Damascus.

His death brings the death toll of torture among Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria to 621.

In another development, Secretary-General of the Palestinian Popular Struggle Front (PPSF) Khaled Abdul Majid said the Syrian leadership has tasked the concerned authorities to make the necessary arrangements for the return of displaced Palestinian and Syrian families to their houses in Yarmouk Camp in the next few days.

Abdul Majid told Sputnik news agency that efforts have been underway by Damascus authorities to push for the reconstruction of the damaged infrastructure upon the residents' return to the camp.



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As part of this initial phase, owners of habitable and mildly damaged houses will be allowed to return to the camp, after they present their property ownership proofs.

Meanwhile, the Free Palestinian Syrian Assembly (Maseer) and a number of CSOs organized a workshop to shed light on the situation of Palestinian refugees in/from Syria and possible ways to provide them with physical and moral protection.

The workshop culminated in a set of recommendations, including reactivating the Palestinian refugees' commission; Boosting the Syrian-Palestinian ties; Pushing for humanitarian assistance to displaced Palestinian families in northern Syria; Setting practical mechanisms to protect the Palestinians of Syria; And stepping up regional and international pressure to cancel Yarmouk's new reconstruction plan.

Speakers also underscored the need to work out the legal situation of the Palestinians of Syria pending their return to their motherland.

Along similar lines, Palestinian refugee Bakr AlKousi has been secretly held in Syria's state-run jails for the seventh consecutive year.

Baker was arrested by Syrian security forces on August 12, 2013, at a checkpoint pitched in AlHusiniya camp, in Rif Dimashq.

His family continues to appeal for information over his condition and whereabouts.



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In the meantime, the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), Philippe Lazzarini, concluded a four-day visit to Berlin, his first European visit since his appointment as Commissioner-General of the Agency.

UNRWA said in a press release that the visit, between 6-9 October aimed to further strengthen the strategic partnership between UNRWA and the Federal Republic of Germany, through a series of high-level meetings.

Lazzarini met with Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs, Heiko Maas, Minister of State, Niels Annen, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Dr. Maria Flachsbart and at the Chancellery Director General of the Foreign Security and Development Policy Department, Dr. Jan Hecker, as well as high-level officials from several ministries.

In all his meetings, Lazzarini reiterated how critical support from Germany enables the Agency to maintain its vital services to Palestine refugees.

Lazzarini was also invited to brief members of the following Parliamentary Committees: Budget, Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid, and Economic Cooperation and Development. In addition, he met with various Bundestag political groups, including the Parliamentarian's Group on Arabic-speaking countries of the Near and Middle East, as well as with Dr. Khouloud Daibes, Ambassador of Palestine to Germany and



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engaged with representatives of the Catholic and Protestant churches, civil society organizations, academia and media.

These meetings were an opportunity for Lazzarini to discuss the humanitarian and operational situation in the Agency's five fields of operations, specifically highlighting how UNRWA continues to respond to COVID-19, as well as the question of Palestine refugees in the region more broadly.

Lazzarini also reminded his interlocutors of the Agency's precarious financial situation and the need for sufficient, sustainable and more predictable funding for its operations in support of the well-being, human development and protection of more than 5.6 million Palestinian refugees in the region.

For UNRWA, Germany is an important and strategic partner. The Government of Germany was the Agency's largest donor in 2019 contributing more than EUR 152 million towards UNRWA operations. Since 2005 Germany has been a member of the UNRWA Advisory Commission, which is tasked with assisting the Agency in carrying out its mandate. In recent years, Germany has continuously increased its commitment to UNRWA and considerably expanded its financial and technical cooperation across the board. Germany has pledged EUR 161 million in funds so far in 2020.