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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



**"Over 35 Palestinian Women, Girls Tortured to Death in Syrian State Jails"**

- Palestinian Refugee Hamam Ayoub Secretly Jailed in Syria for 7th Year
- Association of Displaced Palestinians Meets with UNRWA Director in Lebanon
- 139 Palestinians from Khan Eshieh Camp Pronounced Dead in War-Torn Syria

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## Latest Developments

AGPS documented the death of over 35 Palestinian women and girls under torture in Syrian government dungeons.

The total death toll among the Palestinians of Syria who have fallen prey to fatal torture in Syrian state prisons has hit 565, among them children and elderly refugees.



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

In the meantime, as many as 1,724 Palestinian refugees have been secretly held in Syrian state jails, among them 108 women and girls.



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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, social prestige, fear of punishment for those below the age of criminal responsibility, and distrust in law enforcement.

Along the same line, Palestinian refugee Hamam Abdul Rahman Ayoub, born in 1989, has been enduring a mysterious fate in a Syrian state prison.



Hamam, from ALAyedeen Camp in Hums, was kidnapped by pro-government militias in Syria on September 11, 2012 as he headed for a police station to receive his passport.



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Reports released more than a couple of years ago said Hamam had been spotted in AlFayhaa lock-up. His fate and condition have been unknown.

In another development, the representative of the Association of Displaced Palestinians from Syria met with the director of UNRWA operations in Lebanon Claudio Cordoni and the head of the commission of UNRWA staff members Hakam Shehwan at Lahfa Center in Nahr AlBared Camp.

The association briefed UNRWA representatives on the tragic situation of the displaced Palestinian refugees in Lebanon and their lack of access to vital services, most notably health care, urgent surgeries, and allowances for life-saving medicines.



Survival for hundreds of Palestinian families from Syria has largely hinged upon relief aids handed over to them by UNRWA and a handful of charities.

In the meantime, AGPS found out that 139 Palestinian residents of Khan Eshieh Camp in Syria have been pronounced dead due to war-related incidents.



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The list includes 51 refugees who were killed under shelling; 29 refugees who were fatally shot, and four refugees who were gunned down by snipers.

23 others were, meanwhile, tortured to death, while 12 Palestinians were killed after they were kidnapped by warring militias. At the same time, six refugees drowned at sea; four died in blasts, and six were shot dead by Israeli bullet fire.

Another refugee was subjected to field execution and one more choked to death. Another Palestinian died of unknown reasons.