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The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



AGPS: Over 1,800 Palestinian Refugees Secretly Held in Syrian Prisons

- Palestinian Refugee Arrested in Syria Displacement Camp over Mistaken Identity
- Palestinian Refugees Survives Beirut Gunshot
- Residents of Yarmouk Camp Call for Rehabilitation of Local Mosque



Latest Development

On the Palestinian Prisoner's Day, AGPS reiterates its deep concern about the upsurge in the number of Palestinian victims of torture and enforced disappearance in Syria.

Palestinians in Syria are being imprisoned at places and under poor conditions unknown to their relatives and/or legal representatives.

AGPS data indicates that over 1,800 Palestinian refugees have been secretly held in Syrian government dungeons since the outburst of deadly hostilities.

AGPS also documented the death of 633 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government lock-ups, including women, children, and elderly civilians.

Affidavits by ex-detainees provided evidence on the involvement of Syrian government officers in harsh torture tactics, including electric shocks, heavy beating using whips and iron sticks, and sexual abuse against Palestinian detainees, in a flagrant violation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, commonly known as the United Nations Convention against Torture (UNCAT).

AGPS estimates the real number to be far higher due to the gag orders slapped by the Syrian government on the detainees' names and fates, along with the families' reluctance to report such cases over retaliation concerns.



AGPS continues to urge the Syrian government to disclose the fate of scores of Palestinians held in its lock-ups, release the bodies of those tortured to death, to seriously work on halting harsh torture tactics, launch fact-finding probes into crimes of torture, and to bring those involved in such crimes before courts.

Along similar lines, Palestinian refugee Zaydan Ahmad Zaydan, born in 1974 and raised in AlNeirab Camp, in the northern Syrian province of Aleppo, was arrested by Syrian security forces on March 15, 2022 over claims of name resemblance.

Local sources said a name mix-up occurred as security forces were chasing a suspect with a similar name.

On April 12, Palestinian refugee Abdo AlBash, born in 1974, was also arrested over allegations of assisting young men seeking to illegally leave the war-torn country. The charges were however denied by the residents who said the refugee has been known for his discipline.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Ibrahim AlMadani sustained moderate wounds after he was hit by shrapnel in his head.

Ibrahim was injured on Thursday, April 14, as he left a LibanPost office south of Beirut.

Local sources said two young men opened fire at random at civilians passing through the area. Ibrahim fell into a coma and was rushed to a nearby hospital for urgent treatment. Medics removed the shrapnel from his head and neck.



Similar attacks have targeted Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, some of them with deadly consequences. On June 20, 2015, Palestinian child Muneer Hzeineh, displaced from Syria to Lebanon, died of wounds he sustained in gunfire unleashed in a funeral procession.

On June 12, 2018, young man Raed Suweid, from Yarmouk Camp, also died of wounds he sustained in Burj Albarejneh refugee camp, in Beirut. At the same time, Wissan Mohsen, aged 36 and displaced from Yarmouk Camp, was accidentally killed by gunshots on August 24, 2021 in Ein AlHilweh refugee camp.

In the meantime, civilians and activists in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus, have called on the Palestine Ambassador and the Palestine Liberation Organization along with other factions in Syria to work on rehabilitating the Abdul Kader AlHusaini Mosque for the upcoming Eid prayers

On August 10, 2021, the Syrian Ministry of Endowment okayed the reopening of Abdul Kader AlHusaini Mosque and called on staff to work on removing debris and cleaning the mosque basement, pending the rehabilitation of daily congregational prayers.

Back in 2012, onslaughts launched by the Syrian fighter jets on Abdul Kader AlHusaini Mosque in Yarmouk camp for Palestinian refugees claimed the lives of dozens of worshipers and civilians, including children.

At the time of the attack, the mosque served as a shelter for hundreds of families who fled the deadly strikes on the camp.



The event marked the largest mass exodus from Palestinian refugee camps in Syria. Only a handful of families regained access to the camp, after the government forces recaptured the area.