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الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية
The situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

**AGPS Sounds Alarm over Condition of over 1,900 Palestinian Refugees
Forcibly Disappeared by Syrian Regime**

- **AGPS: 638 Palestinian Refugees Tortured to Death in Syrian Prisons**
- **Number of Palestinians Dying of Strokes in Syria Gets Higher**
- **Residents of Khan Dannun Camp for Palestinian Refugees Lash Out at Corrupt Governor**



Latest Developments

AGPS continues to raise alarm bells over the mysterious condition and whereabouts of hundreds of Palestinian refugees who have been secretly incarcerated in Syria.

Over recent years, AGPS addressed the UN Human Rights Council and other international agencies about Palestinian prisoners in Syria along with the dozens of families held in northern Syria displacement camps and those who have been trapped in other destinations.

AGPS also submitted over 20 documents to the UNHRC about the situation of Palestinian refugees in/from war-torn Syria.

AGPS has documented the secret detention of 1,797 Palestinian refugees in state-run penal complexes across war-torn Syria, among them 110 women and girls.

Along similar lines, AGPS documented the death of over 638 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government lock-ups, including 37 women.

77 victims were identified in horrific photos showing thousands of people who were tortured to death in Syrian government penitentiaries and which were leaked by a military police photographer codenamed Caesar.

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).

According to affidavits by ex-detainees and breakaways, 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.

Meanwhile, sudden deaths have increasingly been reported among Palestinian refugees in/from war-torn Syria due to the traumatic upshots of the warfare.

Over recent days, ten Palestinian refugees died of heart attacks or strokes, among them five residents of AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees, in the northern Syrian province of Aleppo, aged between 30 and 35. The list also includes two residents of Deraa and Yarmouk refugee camps.

The twelve-year warfare rocking the Syrian territories have forced Palestinian refugees, most notably children and the elderly, to endure terrible experiences and witness nightmarish scenes that far exceed one's capacity to get to grips with them.

With scenes of destruction, bloodshed, displacement, and death occurring around the clock, elderly Palestinian refugees have gone traumatized.

The protracted conflict has devastated human security and left 91 per cent of the 438,000 Palestine refugees estimated to remain in the country in absolute poverty and 40 per cent displaced.

As the coronavirus pandemic has rebounded around the MENA region and the globe, Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria continue to struggle with growing poverty and economic hardship. Many PRS have lost their sources of income; refugee camps have seen unprecedented levels of destruction; rental prices have dramatically gone up; undernourishment and poverty have been a daily nightmare.

In another development, residents of Khan Dannun Camp for Palestinian refugees have denounced the bread crisis and held the local spokesman responsible.

Over recent years, residents of Khan Dannun Camp for Palestinian refugees in Rif Dimashq have denounced the poor-quality bread sold in the area, saying insects and plastic trash have been spotted inside bread loafs.



The locals said bread is unfit for human consumption, holding the government's quality control staff and Ministry of Supply responsible for the crisis and calling for serious action in response.