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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"615 Palestinian Refugees Tortured to Death in Syrian Jails"

- Palestinian Refugee Talal Nizar Kilani Forcibly Disappeared in Syria
- Syria's AlSabina Camp for Palestinian Refugees Facing Water/Power Blackouts
- Winter Clothes Distributed to Displaced Palestinian Families in Turkey
- Cash Aids Transferred to Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon

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Victims

Palestinian refugee Mohamed AlSirsawi, aged 50, has died under torture in a Syrian prison. His family was updated on his death a few days ago. He was a resident of Yarmouk refugee camp, in Damascus.

Mohamed's death brings the toll of victims of torture among Palestinian refugees in Syria to 615.

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.



Affidavits by ex-detainees have 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 prisoners, 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 continues to urge the Syrian government to disclose the fate of scores of Palestinians held in its lock-ups, release the bodies of



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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.

Latest Developments

The family of Palestinian refugee Talel Nizar Kilani, born in 1971, continues to appeal for information over the condition and whereabouts of their missing relative.

A resident of AlMansoura Street in Yarmouk Camp, in Damascus, Talal disappeared in 2012 on his way out of the camp. His fate and location could not be identified.

AGPS statistics indicate that 329 Palestinian refugees, including 38 women and girls, have gone missing since the outbreak of the Syrian warfare. Most of them are residents of Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus.



Activists have accused pro-government militias of targeting Palestinians in arbitrary abduction sweeps carried out under the security guise. Scores of families have been blackmailed over the release of their missing relatives and have paid large sums of money to brokers, crooked lawyers, or government officials to get pieces of information about their conditions and whereabouts.



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Meanwhile, an acute water/power crisis continues to rock AlSabina Camp for Palestinian refugees in Rif Dimashq. The residents said they have been forced to stay up all night until water is pumped into the area due to power blackouts.

The residents' frequent appeals for urgent intervention have gone unheeded by the concerned authorities and officials. Civilians continue to lash out at the apathy maintained by UNRWA and the local municipality regarding their calls for supplying the area with power generators and filling main water tanks.

Located some 14 kilometers away from southern Damascus, AlSabina Camp has been gripped with an abject situation owing to the absence of humanitarian assistance, relief aids, proper infrastructure, and vital facilities.

In another development, UNRWA has transferred cash aids for the Palestinians of Syria in Lebanon via ATM cards.

Every Palestinian family from Syria received a rental allowance of 150,000 Lebanese Pounds (LP) and a food allowance worth 40,000 LP per every refugee.

Nearly 28,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria seeking shelter in Lebanon have been subjected to dire socio-economic conditions and a precarious legal status as the Lebanese authorities continue to rebuff their appeals for legal visas and access to the local labor market.

In the meantime, Khayrah Ummah Association handed over winter clothes to Palestinian families from Syria in the Turkish city



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of Bursa as part of the “Warm and Peace” winter campaign launched by the charity.

Volunteer campaigners said blankets and winter clothes were distributed to the most vulnerable and poorest Palestinian families.

Unofficial statistics indicate that 8,000 Palestinians from Syria have sought shelter in Turkey, where they have been facing dire socio-economic conditions and denied access to the local labor market.

Turkish embassies continue to prevent Palestinian refugees from Syria from obtaining visas. As a result, hundreds of Palestinians have embarked on life-threatening journeys via illegal immigration roads to reach Turkey, fleeing war-tattered Syria, among other ravaged zones.

