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الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



**"567 Palestinians from Syria Tortured to Death in Syrian Jails"**

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## Latest Developments

AGPS documented the death of 567 Palestinian refugees since the outburst of the Syrian warfare.

A couple of days earlier, a Palestinian engineer died as a result of torture. The local authorities handed over his identity documents to his family.

80 Palestinian refugees from Syria were pronounced dead in 2018 alone, up from 13 refugees in 2017. 77 victims were identified through pictures leaked from Syrian state prisons.



Field reporters believe the real number to be far higher due to the government's reticence to reveal the names and fates of Palestinian detainees' and the families' fears to disclose their relatives' names over retaliation concerns.

The list of victims includes activists, volunteers, medics, engineers, academics, journalists, university students, and artists.

According to data by AGPS, 1,724 Palestinian refugees, among them children, women and elderly refugees, have been enduring unknown



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fates in Syrian government lock-ups. Toddlers clinging to their mothers' arms have also been spotted in Syrian jails.

According to affidavits by ex-detainees, Palestinian refugees have been subjected to harsh psycho-physical torture tactics in Syrian penitentiaries, including electric shocks, heavy beating using iron sticks, and sexual abuse.

AGPS continues to urge the Syrian authorities to disclose the condition and whereabouts of Palestinian refugees held in its penitentiaries.

AGPS believes that such practices represent flagrant violations of international law which criminalizes all forms of torture and mistreatment against women and children.

Meanwhile, dozens of Palestinian refugees rallied on Thursday outside of the the European Asylum Support Office on the Greek island of Samos, protesting the slow pace of asylum procedures and delays in the transfer of refugees from the island to Greek mainland.







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The migrants have also railed against the dire living conditions they have been facing on the Island and called on the Palestine Liberation Organization and international humanitarian institutions to urgently step in.

Reporting from Greece, an AGPS field correspondent said nearly 7,000 migrants, among them 30 Palestinians from Syria, have been sheltered on Samos Island.

Palestinian refugees from Syria who have been stranded in Greece continue to sound distress signals after most European states opted for a closed-door immigration policy, leaving hundreds of refugees trapped in underequipped makeshift refugee camps.

An agreement between Turkey and Greece to tighten grip on refugees from Syria trying to creep into the Greek territories via the Turkish borders has made the situation far worse.

In another development, UNRWA said it provides primary health care, both preventative and curative, to all 438,000 Palestine refugees in Syria.





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UNRWA said its health centers provide a range of primary medical services, including out-patient consultations, vaccinations, growth monitoring, provision of medicine, gynecological consultations, laboratory services, non-communicable disease care, maternal and child health care and dental services.

The Agency also said it operates 17 health centers offering the full range of Agency services, five health points (which operate in areas of displacement of Palestine refugees) and two mobile health clinics (which are able to deploy according to needs).

Furthermore, the Agency provides support to Palestine refugees seeking secondary and tertiary health care through a system of referral to public hospitals. The provision of health care is possible due to the generosity of donors, including the Government of Japan, according to UNRWA.

Sometime earlier, said almost all UNRWA premises need major repairs after they were destroyed in the warfare.

In the meantime, the Commission of Palestinians of Syria for Relief and Development, in partnership with the Islamic Association for the Relief of Orphans and Needy People, handed over fuel supplies to displaced families sheltered in Deir Ballout and Muhammadiya refugees camps, in Aleppo's northern outskirts.

The move comes a few days after the Afrin river, north of Syria, has flooded, causing refugee tents to be swamped by water and refugees' property frozen by cold temperatures.