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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Stranded Residents in Daraa Camp Stand on Guard to Forced Deportation Scheme"

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- **Palestinian Refugee Mohamed AlMarkaten Held in Syrian Dungeons Since 2013**
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Victims

Palestinian Refugee Yaser Yousef AlKarkati, a resident of Daraa AlBalad, was killed under torture in Syrian government jails, where he had been held for nearly five years.

AlKarkati's family said they received the piece of news from the Civil Status Department, where they learned that their relative died in October 2015.



AGPS documented the death of 530 Palestinians under torture in Syrian jails.

Recently, the Syrian government disclosed the names of Palestinian detainees who were tortured to death in its penitentiaries after withholding their fates and locations for years.

Latest Developments

Stranded residents of Daraa Camp refused to be forcibly deported with the opposition forces to northern Syria, saying they received pledges from the Russian side to protect them from harm.



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Activists called on UNRWA, the Palestinian factions, and the concerned authorities to allow them a safe access to their homes and work on reconstructing the camp.



80% of civilian buildings in Daraa have been destroyed in the rampant warfare. The residents have been grappling with dire conditions due to the tough cordon slapped by the government forces on and around the camp. Shortages in foodstuff and water supplies have made life unbearable in the area.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee Mohamed Salem Ali AlMarkaten, aged 60, has been incarcerated in Syrian government prisons for the fifth year running.

Mohamed was kidnapped by the government forces on his way out of Yarmouk Camp and was dragged to an unknown location. His fate and location has been shrouded in mystery.

AGPS kept record of the incarceration of 1,680 Palestinians in Syrian government jails, among them 106 women and girls.



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In the meantime, a Syrian government delegation, led by Damascus governor and senior Palestinian officials along with members of the reconciliation committee, raised the Syrian flag at the main entrance to Yarmouk Camp, celebrating the government's takeover of the camp and other areas south of Damascus.

The Syrian government forces regained control over Yarmouk Camp and southern Damascus towns following a 33-day military operation launched on April 19. At least 33 civilians were killed and dozens more injured in the offensive. Heavy material damage was wrought on civilian buildings and property.



Over 80% of buildings in Yarmouk Camp have been either totally or partially destroyed in the warfare. 90% of homes have been subjected to burglary and looting.

In another tragic incident, 19 people died when a boat carrying about 160 migrants sank off the coast of Northern Cyprus.

Rescuers have been searching for some 30 other people, Turkey's coast guard said on Wednesday.

The bodies of the 19 dead migrants were sent to Turkey's southern province of Adana for autopsy.



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Most of the migrants were from war-torn Syria, media reports have said.

103 migrants were rescued by boats and helicopters of the Turkish and northern Cypriot coast guards, helped by commercial boats in the area, from the sunken boat some 30 km (18 miles) off the north Cyprus coast.

Television footage of the passengers' arrival showed several ambulances arriving at Mersin's Tasucu harbor, from where they were taken to the Silifke district for treatment.

The coast guard said a Panama-flagged commercial ship spotted the migrant boat some 25 nautical miles from Turkey's southern province of Antalya and alerted the coast guard on Wednesday morning.

Turkey has become one of the main launch points for thousands of migrants taking the dangerous sea route to the European Union, many fleeing conflict and poverty in the embattled Syrian territories among other Middle Eastern regions.

At least 50 Palestinians from Syria died at sea trying to cross to Europe from the Mediterranean and other launch destinations, according to AGPS statistics.