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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "Short Movie Reflects Brutal Torture Perpetrated in Syrian Jails"

- **Palestinian Refugee Tortured to Death in Syrian Gov't Prison**
- **Rally Held in Khan Eshieh over US Bilateral Moves**
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## Latest Developments

A short film made by a Palestinian family that was deported from Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Damascus, to France has unveiled the torture tactics pursued behind Syria's prison bars. The film came onboard Ciné Palestine Festival, held in Toulouse in mid-March.

Entitled "Ana Madakhalni", an Arabic expression that literally means I am innocent, the movie depicts the agony inflicted on detainees in Syrian state dungeons, where hundreds have died under torture. The scenario was written by Palestinian writer Abu Salma Khalil, who also played the role of a detainee. The director of the film is 16-year-old Adam Khalil. The daughter Salma and her friend Farah Adana Li figure in the movie as Abu Salma's daughters. Journalist Fidaa AlHattab played the role of the mother.



The movie tells the story of a Palestinian family from Yarmouk Camp who lived happily at their home until the father, who works as a painter, was arrested and sent to jail. While in custody, the



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family's breadwinner undergoes harsh psycho-physical torture. The family home is emptied and laughter is no longer heard in the abandoned building.

The move garnered a round of warm applauses from French and Arab audiences and critics and it has been widely covered by local and international mass media.

Along the same line, AGPS documented the death of Palestinian refugee Mohamed Abdul Hamid Ismail, aged 21, in Syrian government prisons.



Mohamed, a resident of Haifa Street in Yarmouk Camp, reportedly breathed his last on March 17, 2014. During his first six months in jail, he had been made to endure brutal torture, before he was transferred to Adra prison, where he was pronounced dead after his health condition took a turn for the worse.

AGPS documented the death of 586 Palestinian refugees, among them women and children, under torture in Syrian state penal complexes.



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In another development, dozens of Palestinian refugees took to the streets of Khan Eshieh Camp, in Rif Dimashq, to protest the US President Donald Trump's biased positions and statements regarding occupied Jerusalem and the occupied Golan Heights.

The rally-goers spoke out against underway attempts to undermine Palestinians' inalienable rights, stressing their commitment to return to their homeland and establish an independent Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its eternal capital.



Khan Eshieh Camp, the third largest Palestinian refugee camps recognized by the Syrian government, was founded in 1948, near Khan Eshieh village. It is located some 27 kilometers away from southwestern Damascus and covers an overall area of 690 square meters. According to UNRWA estimates for 2011, some 19,000 refugees have registered with the UN refugee agency.

In the meantime, the committee to follow up on Palestinian refugees from Syria in Gaza called for a mass-participation in a vigil set to be held on Sunday outside of the UNRWA office to protest delays in shelling out rental allowances for Palestinian refugees from Syria in Gaza.



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Some 1,000 Palestinian refugees fled war-ragged Syria to the Israeli-blockaded Gaza Strip, where they have been enduring dire living conditions due to the socio-economic crises rocking the enclave and the absence of humanitarian assistance by such relief bodies as UNRWA.