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"AGPS Calls for Immediate Release of Palestinian Prisoners from Syrian Jails"

- 15 PLA Fighters Pronounced Dead following Break-Away from Pro-Gov't Forces
- Palestinian Refugees in Sehnya Town Facing Dire Conditions
- UNRWA Director in Syria Meets with Damascus Governor
- UNRWA Staff in AlNeirab Camp Receive Vaccine Doses

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Latest Developments

As the novel coronavirus COVID-19 continues to grip the Middle East and the world, AGPS has called on the Syrian government to free all Palestinians and Syrians held behind prison bars.

AGPS is deeply concerned over an unabated outbreak of coronavirus in Syrian prisons, at a time when the deadly virus continues to claim the lives of thousands of people across the globe.

AGPS fears the coronavirus could spread quickly in jails and in overcrowded displacement camps, where neither hygiene kit nor medical equipment are accessible.

AGPS calls on the Syrian government to immediately release Palestinian detainees and provide those who tested positive for COVID-19 with the necessary medical treatment.

The Syrian authorities and all concerned parties should also take precautionary measures and enhance captivity conditions to rein in a tragic propagation of the virus in jail.

The unabated shelling and deadly shootouts rocking the Syrian territories for the ninth-year running have claimed the lives of thousands of Palestinian refugees and resulted in the abduction, torture, displacement, and enforced disappearance of thousands more.



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AGPS has documented the death of 4,039 Palestinian refugees in Syria, including women and children, since 2011, as a result of war-related incidents.

1,790 Palestinian refugees have fallen prey to enforced disappearance across the embattled Syrian territories. Hundreds of families continue to appeal for information over the condition and whereabouts of their missing or secretly detained relatives in Syria.

Along similar lines, 15 members of the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) were pronounced dead after they broke away from the battalion. Several others were tortured to death in Syrian government jails.

The list includes Lieutenant Iyas Naimi, who died under shelling in Yarmouk Camp on July 30, 2013.

Seven others died under torture: Handball coach Osama AlKhadra, Sergeant Muhammad Hamdan, commander Mohammed Farah, Abdul Rahman Khartabil, Ihab Mousa, Mohammed Fourani, and Ahmed Hawash.

Sergeant Major Mar'i AlMadani was executed by an opposition group in Yarmouk Camp on charges of insulting God. Khaled AlHasan died in clashes with ISIS militias in Yarmouk Camp. Basil Azzam was killed in a Russian aggression on Idlib.

Scores of Palestinian youths have been forced to join the PLA. Those who refuse forced conscription are often subjected to



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manhunt and imprisonment. Thousands of young men have fled the country in the hunt for a safer shelter.

In another development, some 1,500 Palestinian refugee families who fled southern Damascus to Sehnaya and AlAshrafiya, in Rif Dimashq, continue to struggle with abject living conditions.

The first Palestinian exodus to the area saw the day in July 2012. In December, a larger wave occurred, with nearly 140,000 people fleeing Yarmouk Camp.

In late 2013, nearly 10,000 residents of AlSabina Camp for Palestinian refugees had sought shelter in Sehnaya.

Over recent years, the number of families sheltered in the area has decreased as scores of them fled to Europe and neighboring countries while others move to displacement camps across the war-ravaged country.

In 2013, UNRWA opened an aid distribution centre to provide food items and humanitarian assistance to the refugees. In 2017, UNRWA opened a mobile health clinic which it turned into a fixed facility in 2019.

Palestinian refugees displaced from Yarmouk Camp to the area continue to struggle with exorbitant rental fees as an apartment in Sehnaya and AlAshrafiya is rented at nearly 200 Syrian pounds.

In another development, UNRWA's Director of Syria Operations Michael Amany met on Monday with Damascus Governor Adel



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Aleibi to discuss the humanitarian situation and assess efforts to secure humanitarian assistance to the most vulnerable families.

AlAleibi said the Governorate has been doing its best to facilitate the return of displaced families to Yarmouk Camp.

The meeting underscored the need for pressing on with reconstruction projects in order to rehabilitate infrastructure and vital facilities.

In the meantime, UNRWA clinic in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Aleppo, started on Monday providing anti-coronavirus vaccines to staff members and their relatives aged 18 and above.

Scores of staffers rejected the vaccine for fear of unexpected side effects.