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"Over 250 Palestinians from Syria Reached Greece in Last Couple of Months"

- **Palestinian Refugee Tortured to Death in Syrian Jails**
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Latest Developments

As the migrant influx from Syria and Turkey to Greece has reached a zenith, more than 250 Palestinian refugees have landed on Greek islands in August and September.

Reporting from Greece, an AGPS news correspondent said the refugees disembarked on the Aegean islands of Samos, Kos, Leros, Symi, Chios, and Mytilene.

Due to overcrowding, the refugees have failed to receive adequate medical treatment and checks

Over recent weeks, displaced Palestinian families in Greece-based refugee camps have expressed concerns over their fate as a freezing winter season has been around the corner, denouncing the absence of vital services, including health care, housing, relief assistance, and power and water.



In recent years, Greek refugee camps have reportedly been running at three times their capacity. Overpopulated refugee camps cause a shortage of resources, not least healthcare.

Earlier this month, UNICEF warned that the number of unaccompanied migrant minors staying in overcrowded reception



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centers on the Greek islands exceeds 1,100, the highest level since the peak of the refugee crisis in early 2016, calling on European countries to do more to protect vulnerable children.

Palestinian refugees from Syria continue to risk their lives onboard the “death boats” to Greece, rummaging around for a momentary respite from the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction.

AGPS has kept record of the death of dozens of refugees onboard Greece-bound ships. Several others have been arrested by Turkish coast guards.

Activists estimate that around 4,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria are taking cover on such Greek islands as Lesbos, Mytilene, Chios, Leros, and Kos, among other areas.

In another development, a Palestinian refugee from Syria’s Yarmouk Camp, in Damascus, was pronounced dead as a result of fatal torture in Syrian government prisons, where a total of 608 Palestinian refugees have also been tortured to death.

AGPS has kept the victims’ name secret at his family’s request and over security concerns.

AGPS kept record of the secret detention of 1,759 Palestinian refugees in Syrian government prisons.

Affidavits by ex-detainees 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 detainees, in a flagrant violation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or



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Degrading Treatment or Punishment, commonly known as the United Nations Convention against Torture (UNCAT).

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.

AGPS continues to urge the Syrian government to disclose the fate of scores of Palestinians held in its lock-ups, release the bodies of 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.

Meanwhile, fuel supplies were distributed in AlSabina Camp for Palestine refugees, in Rif Dimashq. Lists of concerned families were prepared sometime earlier using smart cards.

Some 400 registered Palestinian families reportedly received 100 liters of fuel each. The price of fuel set by the Syrian government is 18,000 Syrian Pounds per liter.



Palestinian refugee families taking shelter in AlSabina Camp in Rif Dimashq have sounded distress signals over the poor infrastructure, water and power outages, along with the absence of



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health care and transportation services in the area. The swift price leap along with the high rates of unemployment and poverty have made the situation far worse.

Along the same line, a Palestinian child who lived in Syria's Yarmouk Camp before he fled to Beirut's Burj AlBarajneh refugee camp sustained second-degree burns all over 35% of his body and called for urgent treatment at local hospitals.

Activists quoted the child as appealing to the concerned humanitarian institutions to help him secure treatment expenses, estimated at some \$690, and another sum of money needed to purchase medicines and carry out medical follow-up.

Nearly 28,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria have sought shelter in Lebanon, where they have been subjected to a precarious legal status and dire socio-economic conditions owing to their lack of access to vital services, particularly health care.

