



التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"On International Day for Right to Truth, AGPS Urges Syrian Gov't to Disclose Fate of Missing Palestinians"



- Resident of Khan AlSheih in Critical Condition following Heavy Beating by Syrian Gov't Forces
- Palestinian Embassy in Turkey Grants Passports to 300 Palestinians from Syria for Free
- Clean-Up Campaign Kicked off in AlNeirab Camp

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Latest Developments

On the International Day for the Right to the Truth, the fate of thousands of Palestinian refugees remains shrouded in mystery in war-torn Syria.

AGPS kept record of the incarceration of 1,180 Palestinians in Syrian government penitentiaries, among whom 86 female refugees.



Affidavits by ex-detainees provided evidence on the involvement of Syrian government officers in harsh torture tactics, including electric shocks and heavy beating using whips and iron sticks, against Palestinian detainees, among whom women, in flagrant violations of the Declaration on the Protection of Women and Children in Emergency and Armed Conflict adopted by the United Nations in 1974. Article 5 of the declaration criminalizes all forms of repression and mistreatment against women and children, including imprisonment and torture.

456 Palestinians were, meanwhile, tortured to death in Syrian government lock-ups, including women, children, and elderly civilians. 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 for fear of retaliation.

Withholding the bodies of slain civilians is prohibited under international law, except in cases where pillage and mistreatment are feared to occur. The Fourth Geneva Convention, the Hague Convention, and the Rome Statute consider the despoliation and mistreatment of dead bodies war crimes.

Activists called for internationalizing the cause and appealing to international courts and human rights institutions to urge the Syrian regime to disclose the fate of several Palestinian held in government lock-ups and to release the bodies of those tortured to death.

AGPS renews its demand to the Syrian Regime to release and disclose the fate of hundreds of Palestinian detainees who have gone missing so far.

Many reports issued by AGPS, such as "Enforced Disappearance 1," "Enforced Disappearance 2," and the "Pictures Massacre," provided details about the Palestinian victims of torture or enforced disappearance during the bloody conflict.

In a related development, the Palestinian refugee Zaki Sa'id Hamad had been aggressively beaten by the Syrian regime forces in Saasa' Branch 220 for over a couple of hours.

AGPS news reporter said Hamad, arrested in Khan AlSheih Camp on allegations that he did not carry identity documents, has been left in a critical condition and was rushed to a hospital.



Several Palestinians were kidnapped by the government forces from Khan AlSheih Camp, in incessant violations of the reconciliation accord struck with the opposition outfits. According to AGPS data, 126 Palestinian residents of Khan AlSheih are held in government lock-ups.

In another development, the Palestinian Embassy envoy to Turkey said, following a visit to the Turkish cities of Kilis, Mersin, Antakya, Iskenderun, Osmaniye, and Rihanli, that the Palestinian Interior Ministry decided to grant 300 passports to Palestinians from Syria for free. Fees for issuing a Palestinian passport are estimated at around 50 Euros.

Procedures have been underway to deliver the passports from the Ankara-based embassy to the places of residence of the concerned refugees in an attempt to assuage the socio-economic crises endured by the Palestinian refugee community displaced from Syria.

According to unofficial data, 5,000 to 8,000 Palestinian refugees have entered Turkey, mostly through illegal routes following the closed-door immigration policy enforced by Turkey since 2013.

Civil Action Commissions

A group of youth volunteers embarked on a clean-up campaign in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees in the embattled Syrian province of Aleppo.

AlNeirab Camp has been controlled by the Syrian government forces and their war partners. Over the past few months, sporadic clashes between the opposition squads and the government battalions rocked the shelter.



Palestinians of Syria: March 25, 2017 Statistics:

- *At least 3,472 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.*
- *1,180 Palestinian refugees, including 86 women, are incarcerated in Syrian government lock-ups.*
- *Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,372 days in a row.*
- *195 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.*
- *Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,078 and 886 days.*
- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,422 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 156 days.*

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- *Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.*
- *31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.*
- *17,000 Palestinians from Syria are taking refuge in Jordan.*
- *6,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in Egypt.*
- *8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.*
- *1,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in the blockaded Gaza Strip.*