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"In Renewed Violation of Accord with Opposition, 6 Palestinians Kidnapped by Gov't Troops from Khan Al- Sheih"



- Palestinian refugee tortured to death in Syrian gov't jail, death toll hits 457
- Palestinian residents of Qudsaya town grappling with socio-economic crises despite lifted siege
- Residents of Deraa, Yarmouk draw on insanitary artesian wells as only way out of water crisis

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Victims

Palestinian refugee Maysara Abu Rahma, a resident of Aleppo-based Al-Neirab Camp, was tortured to death in Syrian government lock-ups, where he had been held for about one year.



The number of Palestinians who died under torture in Syrian regime jails has gone up as high as 457. The death toll is expected to be much higher due to difficulties in the documentation process.

The Syrian government forces have remained reticent over the fate of 1,140 Palestinians incarcerated in penal complexes.

Difficulties in documentation also stem from the families' reluctance to reveal the fate of their missing relatives for fear of retaliation.

Latest Developments

Over the past few days, the Syrian regime troops kidnapped six Palestinian residents of Khan Al-Sheih Camp, in a renewed infringement of the truce deal.



Refugees Fares Eisat, Mohamed Abdullah, and Mohamed Arsan were kidnapped on Sunday while three more others—Shadi Al-Hindi, Khaled Al-Hindi, and Hamouda Al-Hindi—were kidnapped Monday after government patrols rolled into the camp and ravaged relief offices.

Residents of Khan Al-Sheih raised concerns over the recurrent breaches, by the government forces, of the reconciliation deal struck with the opposition outfits. The deal stipulated that the government troops be committed to protecting civilians and to ceasing crackdowns and abductions in the shelter.

Khan Al-Sheih residents also said their appeals to the regime forces to unveil the fate of their detained relatives have gone unheeded.



In another development, Palestinian families seeking refuge in Qudsaya town, in Rural Damascus, have launched cries for help over the abject living conditions they have been made to endure in the area due to the price hike, high unemployment rates, and the decline in civilians' purchasing power. High rental fees have added bad to worse.



“Despite the return of relative calm in the area, we have been enduring severe crises due to the chronic power blackouts and the acute dearth in fuel supplies,” refugee Abu Mohamed, displaced from Yarmouk, told AGPS.

Another refugee—Nasser—spoke out against the increase in rental fees following the retreat of the opposition battalions from the area.

“I used to pay 25,000 Syrian Liras (some \$50) before the retreat of the opposition outfits. However, as soon as government troops broke into Qudsaya and lifted the blockade, the house owner notified me that he expects no less than 50,000 S.L per month,” added Nasser.



Former resident of Al-Sbeina Camp, Umm Hadi, said the situation has gone sharply down in Qudsaya following the withdrawal of the opposition squads.

She expressed disappointment over the government’s dragging of its feet vis-à-vis civilians’ frequent cries for help.



“Water supplies to the area have been cut off for over five days, forcing civilians to buy water at steep prices. This is another heavy burden imposed on our shoulders,” she stated.

“Piles of garbage are thrown everywhere in the streets and no one of our appeals have been taken into account,” Umm Hadi added.

Qudsaya town is a home to 250,000 inhabitants, including 6,000 Palestinian families mostly displaced from Yarmouk Camp.

Along the same line, residents of Deraa and Yarmouk camps have resorted to unhygienic artesian wells to secure water supplies due to the chronic outages rocking the shelters.

Speaking with AGPS, experts raised alarm bells over the life-threatening repercussions of artesian water wells, saying they cause disorders in the function of the kidneys. Potential hazards also emanate from the uncontrolled flow of groundwater deposits.

The Syrian regime forces suspended water supplies to Yarmouk and Deraa shelters respectively for 806 and 991 days.

Palestinians of Syria: December 27, 2016 Statistics:

- *At least 3,414 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.*
- *1,137 Palestinian refugees, including 80 women, are incarcerated in Syrian government lock-ups.*



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- *Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,287 days in a row.*
- *192 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.*
- *Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 991 and 806 days.*
- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,333 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 70 days.*
- *Government troops ban residents of Al-Sbienna Camp from returning to their homes for 1,140 days running.*
- *Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.*
- *31,000 Palestinians are housed in Lebanon.*
- *17 Palestinians 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.*