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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"AGPS: At Least 26 Palestinians Died under Torture in War-Torn Syria in 2016"



- **Palestinian Medical Staff Members Held in Syrian Lock-Ups**
- **10,000 Palestinians Sheltered South of Rif Dimashq Enduring Abject Conditions**
- **Violent Clashes, Shelling Rock Edges of Deraa Camp for Palestinian Refugees**

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Latest Developments

10 Palestinians were tortured to death in Syrian government penitentiaries during the second half of 2016, bringing the number of torture victims in 2016 to 26, a joint report issued by AGPS and PRC on Tuesday found out.

According to the report, titled "Palestinians of Syria and the Closed Doors," the number of victims of torture and enforced deportation among the Palestinian community in war-torn Syria has hit 457.

The report sheds light on the deteriorating situation endured by the Palestinian refugees in the embattled Syrian territories along, with the ensuing movements of mass exodus and forced deportation.



The report provides thorough data on the number of casualties and detainees for the period from July to December 2016.

To download the Arabic Version of the Report please click here:

<http://actionpal.org.uk/ar/reports/special/closeddoors.pdf>

An English version will be available on AGPS's and PRC's websites sometime soon.



Meanwhile, a number of Palestinian medics and paramedics have had mysterious fates in Syrian regime lock-ups. A number of medical staff members have reportedly been tortured to death on allegations of providing medical and humanitarian assistance to rival parties.

The list of missing medics included general surgeon Hayel Kasem Hamid, aged 67. Hamid, the head of the General Surgery Department at AlAssad University Hospital, was kidnapped from his clinic in Yarmouk Camp on August 13, 2012.

Palestinian neurosurgeon Alaa AlDeen Youssef, 62, has also gone missing since December 25, 2012. He was kidnapped from a checkpoint pitched near the main entrance to Yarmouk Camp.

Another Palestinian refugee—Malek Mohamed Youssef—also figures on the list. Youssef, a dentistry graduate, was kidnapped by the government forces from Damascus University on May 23, 2013.

Medical staff and structures in besieged Yarmouk Camp came under heavy shelling by the government squads. Dozens of doctors, pharmacists, and paramedics have been pronounced dead while others have gone missing since the outburst of the deadly warfare in Syria.

AGPS kept record of the incarceration of 1,180 Palestinian refugees and the death of 461 others under torture in Syrian government jails.

In another development, AGPS news correspondent sounded the alarm over the dire conditions endured by the Palestinian refugee community in the southern edges of Rif Dimashq, namely Yalda, Babila, and Beit Sahem.



The situation has gone remarkably downhill in the area due to the lack of health services, high rates of unemployment, and acute dearth in financial resources.

A few days earlier, a meeting was held by pro-government military and security parties in Damascus to discuss the situation in Babila, Yalda, and Beit Sahem. The meeting occurred after a so-called Abu Fahd Mayaza gunman attacked a MiG fighter jet hovering over the territory with a machinegun. Reports have emerged on a projected military offensive by the regime army on Rif Dimashq's southern corners in an attempt to force the opposition outfits to throw in the towel and retreat to Idlib.



In a related development, violent clashes flared up on Tuesday on the outer edges of Deraa Camp, in southern Syria, where medium and heavy machineguns were reportedly used. At the same time, a round of shells and missiles slammed into the camp, resulting in material damage.



A security mayhem has rocked southern Syria villages due to the deadly hostilities between the opposition outfits and ISIS militias, on the one hand, and between the opposition groups and the regime army, on the other.



Palestinians of Syria: March 28, 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 1,375 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 1,081 and 889 days.*



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- *Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,425 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 159 days.*
- *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.*