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"Dozens of Palestinian Journalists Killed, Detained in War-Torn Syria"

- 15 PLA Fighters Pronounced Dead following Break-Away from Pro-Gov't Forces
- Rallies Held in Syria on Palestinian Land Day
- Palestinian Refugee Bahaa AlBash Held in Syrian Jail for 7th Year

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Latest Developments

AGPS has kept record of the murder of dozens of Palestinian journalists and the abduction of dozens more in war-torn Syria.

AGPS has documented the death of 18 Palestinian journalists since the outburst of deadly hostilities in March 2011, among them academics and volunteers. The casualties died while covering scenes on the battleground or while providing civilians with relief assistance across the ravaged Syrian territories.



Facts on the ground prove that the number of casualties is much higher. Difficulties in documentation stem from the absence of official statistics, lack of concern as regards the number of Palestinian casualties, journalists in particular, and the intricacy of the name-identification process.

The list includes nine journalists who died under shelling, five who were tortured to death, and four others who were fatally shot.

AGPS has learned that the casualties are photojournalists and activists Fady Abu Ajaj, Jamal Khalifa, Ahmad AlSahli, Bassam



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Hamidi, Ahmad Taha, and Bilal Sa'id. They were killed in onslaughts targeting Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees.

Photojournalist Jihad Shehabi died in an air strike on Hjeira town, south of Damascus, while activist Yamen Dhaher was killed in a raid on Khan Eshieh Camp. News correspondent Tareq Ziad Khader was pronounced dead in Daraa Camp, south of Syria.

Yarmouk residents Niraz Sa'id, Khaled Bakrawi, Hassan Hassan, and Alaa Naji, along with Bilal Ahmad, from Muadhamiyat AlSham, were tortured to death in Syrian government prisons.

Iyas Farhat and Ghassan Shehabi, director of AlShajara Center to document Palestinian heritage, along with activists Ahmad Kousa and Mounir AlKhatib were killed in shootouts.

Scores of activists, journalists, and correspondents have, meanwhile, been locked up in Syrian government dungeons for years. The list includes Muhannad Omar, Ali Shehabi, Rami Hajou, Ali Musleh, and Ahmad Jalil.

AGPS condemns the apathy maintained by the international community and Palestinian leadership as regards the extrajudicial killing, harsh torture, and arbitrary detention of Palestinian journalists and activists in war-ravaged Syria.

War-torn Syria has been grappling with severe crises for over eight years. Reporters without Borders ranked Syria 176th on a list assessing the freedom of the press in 179 countries.



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An annual report issued by the organization on December 21, 2016 said that Syria has turned into a hell on earth as 19 journalists were killed in the warfare.

A report conducted by AGPS to document the violations perpetrated against Palestinian journalists in Syria provided through data about the number of detainees and casualties who died while trying to cover events, protests, and war crimes across the embattled Syrian territories.

For a full version of the report please click here:

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

Meanwhile, 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,



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

In the meantime, hundreds of Palestinian refugees taking shelter in refugee camps in Syria have joined mass rallies staged to mark the 43rd anniversary of the Land Day and to protest Donald Trump's pro-Israel position regarding the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights and Jerusalem city.



Demonstrators marched from Jaramana Camp down to Khan Dannun and AlWafideen camps in Rif Dimashq.



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The Land Day is marked annually on March 30, commemorating the killing of six Palestinians on the same day in 1976 by Israeli bullet fire during protests staged in response to Israel's confiscation of Palestinian lands.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Bahaa Mahmoud AlBash has been enduring a mysterious fate in Syrian state prisons for the seventh year running.

Bahaa was kidnapped on August 14, 2012 from his home in AlMaghareba neighborhood, in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus.

AGPS documented the detention of 1,737 Palestinian refugees in Syrian state dungeons, among them 107 women and dozens of minors.