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الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"2 Years since Palestinian Web Developer AlSafadi was Extra-Judicially Executed in Syria"

- Rubble Removed from Daraa Camp for Palestine Refugees
- Palestine Refugees Distressed as Assassination Reports Reemerge in AlMuzeireeb
- Educational Camp for Palestine Refugees Concluded South of Turkey



Latest Developments

Two years ago, the Syrian government executed the Palestinian web developer and cyber activist Bassel Khartabil AlSafadi.

The execution of Bassel Khartabil was carried out days after he was moved to the Adra prison on October 3, 2015.

Bassel was kidnapped by the Syrian intelligence forces on March 15, 2012 and detained for eight months before he was transferred to the Adra prison in Damascus in December 2012. Basel had been subjected to harsh torture in the Adra lock-up.



The computer engineer is credited with vastly extending online access and knowledge and was a regular contributor to Wikipedia, Mozilla Firefox, and Open Clip Art, among other international encyclopedias, web browsers, and corporations.

According to data by AGPS, 1,759 Palestinian refugees, among them children, women and elderly refugees, have been enduring unknown fates in Syrian government lock-ups. Toddlers clinging to their mothers' arms have also been spotted in Syrian jails.

According to affidavits by ex-detainees, Palestinian refugees have been subjected to harsh psycho-physical torture tactics in Syrian



penitentiaries, including electric shocks, heavy beating using iron sticks, and sexual abuse. Over 600 refugees died under torture.

Field reporters believe the real number to be far higher due to the government's reticence to reveal the names and fates of Palestinian detainees' and the families' fears to disclose their relatives' names over retaliation concerns.

The list of victims includes activists, volunteers, medics, engineers, academics, journalists, university students, and artists.

AGPS believes that such practices represent flagrant violations of international law which criminalizes all forms of torture and mistreatment against women and children.

AGPS continues to urge the Syrian authorities to disclose the condition and whereabouts of Palestinian refugees held in its penitentiaries.

In the meantime, over 2,400 cubic meters of debris have been cleared out of residential alleyways and access roads in Daraa Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria.



The move was overseen by Basmat Shabab Souriya Association.



Daraa Camp for Palestinian refugees has been grappling with abject conditions as a result of the fallouts wrought by the military operation launched by the Syrian government forces in mid-June 2018 using internationally prohibited weapons in an attempt to recapture the area. 80% of civilian homes and property were destroyed.

Meanwhile, Palestinians taking shelter in AlMuzeireeb town expressed deep concern over the security situation in the area after reports have emerged on a new assassination attempt targeting former opposition affiliate Fadi AlKar'aan who was gunned down by anonymous gunmen.

Activists have accused pro-government militias in Syria of assassinating opposition affiliates south of Syria in violation of the reconciliation accords struck between the two sides.

A resident said dozens of assassination operations have targeted Palestinian refugees in the area, warning of the increase of such attempts.

AGPS documented the death of dozens of Palestinian refugees in AlMuzeireeb town, home to 1,700 Palestinian families displaced from Daraa Camp.

On another topic, Khayra Ummah charity wrapped up AlQuds Summer Camp held south of Turkey.

The event is co-sponsored by the Islamic Relief Associations for Orphans and Poor People from occupied Palestine.



