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"AGPS: 614 Palestinian Refugees Tortured to Death in Syrian Jails, 329 Missing"

- Civil Committees for Palestinians of Syria Established in Lebanon
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Latest Developments

Statistics released on the international Human Rights Day, observed every year on 10 December, indicate that 4,009 Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) died of war-related incidents, including shelling, the blockade, deadly shootouts, torture, and on the migration route.

At the same time, 1,769 Palestinian refugees have been detained and/or forcibly disappeared in Syrian state-run penal complexes, where 614 others have died under torture.

PRS have also been denied easy access to neighboring countries, including Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, and North African countries. Besides, most of the Gulf countries have outlawed granting visas to Palestinians with Syrian travel documents since 2013.

Palestinian families in Thailand also risk to go forcibly deported as the Thai have tightened grip on refugees who overstayed their visas.





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AGPS continues to urge neighboring countries to lift the entry bans slapped against PRS and to abide by international conventions prohibiting the expulsion of civilians fleeing war-stricken zones.

The international community should take urgent steps in order to push for an immediate end to the human rights violations committed against PRS in host countries, to which they fled for fear of being killed, arrested, persecuted, or tortured.

UNRWA should also step in and work on securing PRS's right to physical, moral, and legal protection along with their right to free movement and legal stays in host countries.

The international Human Rights Day, observed every year on 10 December, is the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted, in 1948, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR): a milestone document proclaiming the inalienable rights which everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being regardless of race, color, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Available in more than 500 languages, it is the most translated document in the world.

In another development, activists and independent committees in Lebanon announced the launch of Civil Committees for Palestinians of Syria in Lebanon, a body that will speak up for PRS across the Lebanese territories.

The newly-formed body is made up of Palestinian refugee activists and relief officers who fled Syria to Lebanon. It is reportedly an



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independent group that takes an impartial stand vis-à-vis all Palestinian factions in Lebanon.

The committee called on UNRWA to live up to its mission and implement efficient mechanisms to secure Palestinians' physical and legal protection.

Similar committees have seen the day over recent years to transmit the demands of PRS, including the Committee of Displaced Palestinians from Syria in Sidon, the Follow-Up Committee in the Western and Central Bekaa, and the Follow-Up Committee in Tripoli.

Along similar lines, the Palestinian Association for Human Rights (Witness), based in Beirut, said the situation of Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS) has sharply deteriorated due to the mass-unrest gripping the Lebanese territories.

“Witness” said that after eight years of conflict, PRS continue to struggle with dire humanitarian conditions and complex socio-economic and legal challenges amid a striking apathy by local and international relief institutions.

The rights group urged UNRWA and all other concerned bodies to adopt an emergency plan so as to manage the crisis before it is too late and respond to the unending cries for help launched by the displaced Palestinian families.

Meanwhile, the Commission of Palestinians of Syria for Relief and Development continues to distribute cash and in-kind aids for displaced Palestinians and orphans in northern Syria.



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Hundreds of Palestinian and Syrian families who have been forcibly deported to northern Syria have been grappling with an abject humanitarian situation as most of them have been taking cover in underequipped tents that risk to fall into pieces in winter season.

The families continue to appeal to the concerned human rights institutions to take urgent measures so as to supply them with much-needed fuel supplies, medicines, and food items.

