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### "Property-Theft Reported in Syria's Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian Refugees"

- Palestinian Refugee Camp of Khan Eshieh Grappling with Water Crisis
- UNRWA to Distribute School Furniture to Palestinian Refugees in Syria
- 38 Palestinian Women Tortured to Death in Syrian Regime Prisons
- 4 Members of Daoud Family Secretly Jailed in Syrian Gov't Prisons

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## Latest developments

Activists have warned that civilian property has been subjected to theft and homes to burglary in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Damascus.

Civilians have caught sight of flocks of vehicles laden with belongings stolen from abandoned buildings in the camp.

Over recent years, pro-government militias have been raking through evacuated homes in Yarmouk and holding sway over furniture, copper, iron, and kitchenware belonging to displaced families.

Reports of theft have emerged after Syrian government forces grabbed hold of the camp and burglarized civilian homes.

The Syrian government forces regained control over Yarmouk Camp and southern Damascus towns following a 33-day military operation launched in April 2018. Dozens of civilians were killed and dozens more injured in the offensive. Over 60% of buildings have gone either totally or partially destroyed in the warfare.

Palestinian families displaced from Yarmouk Camp continue to call on the concerned authorities to allow them a safe return to their homes and to press ahead with reconstruction projects.

In another development, Palestinian families taking refuge in Khan Eshieh camp, in Rif Dimashq, said water has been cut off across residential neighborhoods for several days.



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The residents have warned of the repercussions of the water crisis on their children's health condition in light of the global propagation of the COVID-19 pandemic.

An AGPS reporter said most of the families sheltered in the camp are cash-stripped and cannot afford to buy drinking water from privately-owned tanks.

Palestinian families continue to appeal to UNRWA and the concerned authorities to take urgent action regarding the alarming humanitarian condition in the camp.

Meanwhile, UNRWA pledged to distribute school furniture to all registered Palestine schoolchildren and students in Syria.

As the new academic year has stepped in, Palestinian refugee schoolchildren and students continue to struggle with the devastating impact of the ten-year warfare across the Syrian territories.

Available data by UNRWA indicates that 32 UNRWA facilities have been reduced to rubble in Yarmouk Camp alone, including 16 schools, in the Syrian conflict.

Several other UNRWA facilities were destroyed in the Syrian warfare and others have gone out of operation, including two clinics, a vocational training center, a youth development center, and 28 schools, out of 112 UNRWA schools in Syria.

Upon more than one occasion, the UN has raised alarm bells over the striking upsurge in the rate of school dropouts among the





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Palestinians of Syria, several among whom have left schools to help feeding their impoverished families in unemployment-stricken refugee camps.

Dozens of Palestinian students, schoolchildren, and teaching staff have been killed or forcibly disappeared in war-ravaged Syria.

In the meantime, AGPS has documented the death of hundreds of Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government prisons since the outburst of the bloody warfare in 2011, among whom 38 women and girls.

AGPS data indicates that the toll of torture among Palestinian refugees in Syria's state-run penal complexes has hit 620.

Field reporters believe the real numbers 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.

According to data by AGPS, more than 1,790 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



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penitentiaries, including electric shocks, heavy beating using iron sticks, and sexual abuse.

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

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

Along similar lines, five Palestinians have been enduring mysterious fates in Syrian state run prisons, four among whom identified as members of the Daoud family.

The four family members are: Nour Ahmad Daoud, born in 1987, a resident of AlHajar AlAswad area, and the father of a young girl. He was kidnapped in 2013; Daoud Ahmad Daoud, born in 1986, a resident of AlHajar AlAswad, and the father of two boys and a girl. He was kidnapped at the AlBatikha checkpoint.

The list also includes the two brothers Mahmoud Mohamed Kheir Daoud, born in 1996, and Ali Mohamed Kheir Daoud, born in 1998. Both are residents of AlHajar AlAswad and were kidnapped in 2014 from AlDweilaa area, in Damascus.

Palestinian young man Mustafa Marwan Husain, born in 1989 and a resident of Misraba, was kidnapped in 2013 from the UNRWA-led vocational education center in AlMezzeh, in Damascus.