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### الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



#### "Palestinian Refugees Raise Concerns over Forced Military Conscription South of Syria"

- 187 Palestinian Residents of Hums Camp Forcibly Disappeared in Syria
- Psychological Support Initiative Launched in Favor of Yarmouk Children
- Safety of Palestinian Refugees in Syria Displacement Camp Jeopardized by Motorbikes
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## Latest Developments

Scores of Palestinian refugees sheltered south of Syria have sounded distress signals over arbitrary manhunts and security sweeps by the Syrian regime which they said might be a prelude for forced military conscription.

The refugees said security forces removed sand barriers and set up new sites in Deraa.

Ten years into the Syrian conflict, thousands of Palestinian refugees continue to suffer protracted displacement. The Syrian regime has forcibly displaced thousands of Palestinians and Syrians.

Today, those who wish to return to the vastly devastated refugee camps in Syria fear they would be arrested or forced into military conscription.

Those who were involved in anti-government protests and deserted from military service say they cannot go back to the country for fear of being jailed or persecuted.

Human rights groups have documented several cases where Syrian intelligence branches have arbitrarily detained, disappeared, and/or harassed people in areas retaken from opposition groups. The abuse is taking place even when the government has entered into reconciliation agreements with the people involved.



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Upon more than once occasion, AGPS has called on the Syrian government to disclose the fate of hundreds of Palestinians forcibly disappeared in state-run dungeons.

Along similar lines, AGPS has documented the secret incarceration of 187 Palestinian refugees, including 10 women, taking shelter in AlAyedeen Camp, in Hums, in Syria's state run dungeons since the outburst of the bloody conflict.

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.

AGPS documented has the death of over 600 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government prisons since the outburst of the bloody warfare.

According to data by AGPS, 1,797 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.





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

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

Meanwhile, AlAmana Foundation held psychological support sessions for a number of children displaced from Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Damascus.

The association pledged that every child in the camp will benefit from the psychological assistance program.

The warfare in Syria, which has now entered its eleventh year, has had traumatic fallouts on Palestinian refugee children in and outside the Syrian territories.

Post-traumatic stress disorders, mental psychosis, sleeplessness and nightmares, eating disorders, and intense fear have all been among the symptoms with which Palestinian children have been diagnosed.

AGPS renews its calls to the international community, human rights institutions, UNICEF, UNRWA, and all concerned bodies to work on protecting Palestinian children in embattled Syria and provide those who fled the war-torn country with physical and moral protection in the host countries.



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AGPS has recorded the death of 252 Palestinian refugee children in war-torn Syria. Hundreds more have gone orphaned after they lost one or both of their parents in the deadly warfare.

In another development, residents of AlSayeda Zeinab Camp, in Rif Dimashq, continue to rail against the uncontrolled use of motorcycles in the area, a phenomenon they said poses serious threats to the lives of their children.

Several horrific accidents took place due to inappropriate speed and infringement of road safety rules across residential alleyways.

A few days earlier, a child was run over by an anonymous motorcyclist and rushed to AlSader Hospital.

Meanwhile, displaced Palestinian refugees from Syria have denounced delays in the transfer of cash grants by UNRWA.

The refugees said aid delivery has been delayed for the third time since the start of 2021. Cash grants are normally transferred between 15 – 21 every month.

Last month, UNRWA raised alarm bells over the dire situation of Palestine refugees in Lebanon and the precariousness in which they live, particularly in the last year of acute financial crisis and pandemic. Many Palestine refugees live in 12 overcrowded camps across the country.

“Palestine refugees are suffering immensely. The misery that I witnessed in the last two days in Ein el-Hilweh and Nahr el-Bared



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camps is unfathomable,” said UNRWA Commissioner-General Philippe Lazzarini during his visit to the country earlier this year.

Palestine refugees in Lebanon, including those who fled from Syria, need financial assistance to buy food and other basic necessities. But with the current financial crisis, most Palestine refugees have found themselves slipping further into destitution. The “dollar crisis” in Lebanon, where the official exchange rate of the US dollar against the Lebanese pound is nearly ten times lower than the black-market rate, has seen the purchasing power of the refugees slashed tenfold.