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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"18 Palestinian Journalists Killed in War-Torn Syria"

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- Bread Loafs Distributed to Displaced Palestinians North of Syria



Latest Developments

In data released on the Day of Solidarity with Palestinian Journalists, marked on December 31, AGPS said it has kept record of the death and abduction of several Palestinian journalists in wartorn Syria.

At least 18 Palestinian journalists were killed since the outburst of deadly hostilities in March 2011, among them academics and volunteers. The causalities 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.



Scores of activists, journalists, and correspondents have, meanwhile, been secretly locked up in Syrian government dungeons for years.

AGPS continues to denounce 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.

A report released by AGPS in 2016 to document the violations perpetrated against Palestinian journalists in Syria provides 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.

In another development, member of the political bureau of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) in Syria, Hasan Abdul Hamid, said the warfare led to the displacement of 58% of Palestinian refugees from their camps and residential communities.





He said up to 370,000 Palestinian refugees have gone displaced from their camps in Syria; 200,000 others have become internally displaced in the Syrian territories while 170,000 fled to other countries.

Abdul Hamid added that 700 Palestinian families returned, a few months earlier, to Daraa refugee camp; 150 returned to Handarat camp and 150 to Yarmouk camp, after the government forces recaptured such zones.

The DFLP representative said 40% of buildings in Yarmouk camp need reconstruction; 40% are habitable, and 20% are completely destroyed. The situation in Handarat camp is not far different.

He said serious efforts should be made by UNRWA, the Palestine Liberation Organization, and all other concerned bodies in order to reconstructed Yarmouk homes and facilities.

At the same time, the DFLP delegate said contacts have been underway to follow up on the situation of displaced Palestinians from Syria in Lebanon and facilitate the safe access of those who wish to return to Syria.

Meanwhile, Omran Strategic Studies Center has published a book entitled "Palestinians of Syria...Violation of Rights and Identity Challenges" written by lawyer Ayman Fahmi Abu Hashem.

The 100-page book tackles the repercussions of the Syrian conflict on the legal situation of Palestinian refugees within the national and international frames of history, identity, and asylum-seeking journeys. A critical reading of the ensuing dialectics of selfhood figures in the book.



The author, Ayma Fahmi Abu Hashem, said the book underscores the gross violations committed against the Palestinians of Syria and the infringement of their basic rights.

He said the study is a fact-based reference as it provides authentic data about the violations perpetrated by the incumbent regime and its responsibility in the displacement and plight of Palestinian refugees.

In the meantime, Ahl AlKheir charity distributed on Tuesday bread loafs to displaced Palestinian and Syrian families in Deir Ballout and AlMuhammadiya refugee camps, in the northern Syrian province of Idlib, in an attempt to alleviate their alarming humanitarian condition.

Hundreds of displaced Palestinian families taking refuge in northern Syria continue to raise concerns over their fate as a freezing winter season has gripped the region.



The families continue to lash out at the apathy maintained by UNRWA, the Palestinian Authority, the Palestine Liberation



Organization, and all other local and international bodies regarding their tragic situation.

Palestinian refugees sheltered in Idlib, AlMuhammadiya Camp, and Deir Ballout Camp, in northern Syria have been enduring a tragic situation. Most of them have been crammed in poorly-equipped tents and denied access to vital services.