

التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"On Int'l Day in Support of Victims of Torture . . . 462

Palestinians Tortured to Death in Syrian Jail"



- Overnight Clashes Flare Up near Daraa Camp for Palestinian Refugees
- Prior to Civilians' Return, Syrian Gov't Forces Gear Up to Detain "Wanted Residents" in AlSbeina
- 1,700 Reports on Palestinians of Syria Released by AGPS

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Latest Developments

A report released by AGPS on the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture documented the death of 462 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government penitentiaries, among whom minors and elderly detainees.

AGPS believes the number is far higher due to the gag orders enforced by the Syrian regime on the detainees' fates and names, along with the reluctance of the casualty's families to reveal the names of their deceased or missing relatives for fear of retaliation.



Most of the casualties' bodies have been withheld by the Syrian government forces, in what activists dubbed another crime perpetrated by the regime militias in war-torn Syria.

Withholding the bodies of slain civilians is prohibited under international law except in cases where pillage and mistreatment are feared to occur.

The Fourth Geneva Convention, the Hague Convention, and the Rome Statute consider the despoliation and mistreatment of dead bodies war crimes.

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Activists called for internationalizing the cause and appealing to international courts and human rights institutions to urge the Syrian regime to disclose the fate of several Palestinians held in government lock-ups and to release the bodies of those tortured to death.

AGPS renews its demand to the Syrian Regime to release and disclose the fate of 1,613 Palestinian detainees who have had mysterious fates so far.

AGPS believes that what has been going on in Syrian penitentiaries amounts to a war crime by all standards.

Many reports issued by AGPS, such as "Enforced Disappearance 1," "Enforced Disappearance 2," and the "Pictures Massacre," provided details about the Palestinian victims of torture or enforced disappearance during the bloody conflict.

In another development, fierce clashes between the Syrian regime troops and the opposition battalions rocked the eastern corners of Daraa Camp for Palestinian refugees, south of Syria, on Friday.



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AGPS quoted activists as stating that sounds of heavy blasts, believed to emanate from an anti-government operation, were spotted around the camp.

Over recent week, Daraa Camp and its environs have come under heavy shelling. The area has also run out of live-saving medical kit.

Meanwhile, Palestinian activists slammed the Syrian government troops and their abettors for setting up rooms at the main entrance to AlSbeina Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, to arrest wanted residents as soon as they return to their homes via a newly-pitched checkpoint.

The reconciliation committee in AlSbeina said the rooms have been set up to administer civilians' access to the area.



AlSbeina residents have been forced out of their homes following the deadly hostilities between the Syrian government forces and the opposition outfits. The latter had taken control of the town since the end of 2012 before it was taken over by the regime troops on November 17, 2013.

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In the meantime, AGPS has conducted over 1,700 daily reports documenting the situation of the Palestinians of Syria. The reports are available on the group's website both in English and Arabic: www.actionpal.org.uk.

Other material, including videos, live snapshots, statistics on the number of casualties and detainees, news articles, and press releases also figure on the website.

AGPS is a London-based human rights watchdog that monitors the situation of Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria without bias or a political agenda.

AGPS saw the day in October 2012, following a workshop held by activists and journalists to discuss the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria.

AGPS material is purely fact-based and rooted in real data compiled by a team of professional journalists, on-the-spot reporters, news correspondents, veterans, and local activists.

Palestinians of Syria: June 30, 2017 Statistics:

- At least 3,521 Palestinians, including 463 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,613 Palestinian refugees, including 100 women, are incarcerated in Syrian government lock-ups.

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- Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,437 days in a row.
- 196 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.
- Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,173 and 1,024 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,517 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 251 days.
- Nearly 85,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until the end of 2016.
- 31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.
- 17,000 Palestinians from Syria are taking refuge in Jordan.
- 6,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in Egypt.
- 8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.
- 1,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in the blockaded Gaza Strip.