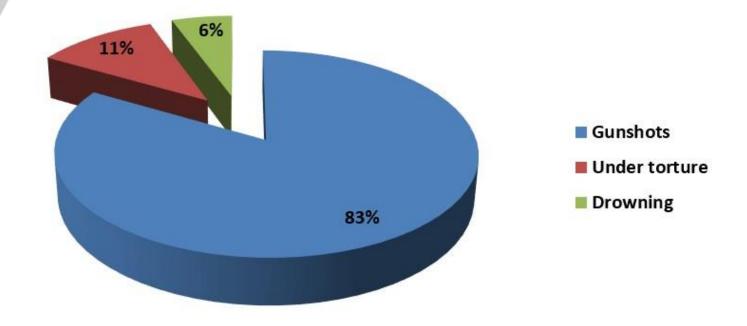




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التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"18 Palestinians from Syria Pronounced Dead in September 2018"

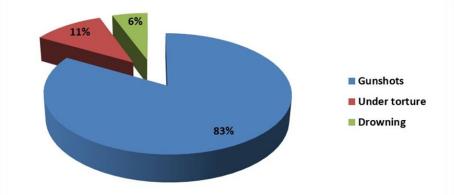
- PLA Leadership Forces Palestinian Recruits to Join Bloody Hostilities South of Syria
- Cancer-Stricken Palestinian Child from Syria Launches Cry for Help
- Son of Fatah Leader Secretly Held in Syrian Gov't Jails



Latest Developments

18 Palestinian refugees from Syria died in September 2018, 15 among whom as a result of fatal shooting attacks. Two refugees were tortured to death in Syrian prisons while another drowned at sea.

The list of casualties includes 15 persons who were killed in AlSuweida, south of Syria, and a refugee who was pronounced dead outside of Syria. The two other victims died in unknown locations.



Meanwhile, activists and families of Palestinian conscripts slammed the commanders of the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA) for pushing young men to fight alongside the Syrian government forces in AlSuweida desert, south of Syria, against their will.

In letters emailed to AGPS in response to the death of 13 Palestinian refugees in raging shootouts with ISIS militias near Teloul AlSafa town, in AlSuweida's eastern desert, south of Syria, families and activists pointed the finger at the PLA leadership, most notably the army's chief of staff Tareq AlKhadra.



Sometime earlier, Major General Tareq AlKhadra said nearly 6,000 conscripts have been fighting alongside PLA at over 15 sites across war-ravaged Syria.

AGPS has learned that PLA gunmen have joined the Syrian army across over 40 sites.



In the meantime, the mother of the Palestinian child from Syria in Lebanon Hasan Ahmad AlMaghrebi, aged six years-old, appealed to the human rights institutions, namely the Red Crescent and Red Cross organizations, along with the Palestine Liberation organization and Palestinian factions in Lebanon, to urgently intervene and work on raising funds needed to treat her cancerstricken child.

Hasan, who was displaced with his family from Yarmouk Camp in Syria to Ein AlHilweh, south of Lebanon, has been diagnosed with a life-threatening gastric tumor.

The mother said she rushed him to the Hamshari Hospital following a sudden fever leap and excruciating stomach pains. Medics said an urgent surgery should be carried out to remove the gastric tumor from his vulnerable body.



However, soon after, the mother took her child out of the hospital after she failed to secure treatment fees. A few days later, his health condition had taken a turn for the worse and he got hospitalized again for nine days.

The mother transferred her child to Hamoud Hospital after medics at AlHamshari asked her to consult a specialist in blood diseases. The Hamoud hospital administration required a sum of \$266 as an insurance pending the transfer of cash aid by UNRWA. Three days later, the administration told her that treatment costs have reached \$966 and ordered her to either pay the sum or take her son elsewhere.

UNRWA pledged to shell out 1.5 million Lebanese Pounds, leaving the mother with a deficiency of at least 1 million Lebanese Pounds.

Results of medical checks coming out a few days later proved that her son has been gripped with life-threatening stomach and blood cancers and that he suffers a sharp red cell loss.





Sometime later, the child was admitted at the American University of Beirut Medical Center, where admins estimated therapy costs at up to \$35,000 and asked the mother to reach out to UNRWA to find out about the sum to be covered by the agency. However, the hospital administration refused to admit the child after UNRWA declined appeals to shell out hospitalization charges.

In another development, Palestinian refugee Mohamed Hasan Abu Shanar has been enduring a mysterious fate in Syrian government prisons, where he has been held since October 27, 2012.

The detainee, a resident of AlTadhamun neighborhood in Damascus and the father of three children, is the son of Hasan Abu Shanar, a prominent Fatah leader.

One month after his detention, his family appealed to the deputy Secretary-General of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, Talel Naji, to work on disclosing their son's whereabouts and condition. However, Naji's pledges have not been met and the detainee's son remains shrouded in mystery.