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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Dozens of Palestinian Journalists Killed, Detained in War-Torn Syria"

- AlHusainiya Residents Urge UNRWA to Appoint Local Teaching Staff
- Palestinian Refugees Take to Syria Streets over Israel's Racist Policies
- 8th Medical Week Kick-Started South of Damascus



Latest Developments

In statistics released on the International Day in Solidarity with Palestinian Journalists, AGPS has kept record of the murder of dozens of Palestinian journalists and the abduction of dozens more in war-torn Syria.

AGPS has documented the death of 18 Palestinian journalists 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.



AGPS has learned that the casualties are photojournalists and activists Fady Abu Ajaj, Jamal Khalifa, Ahmad AlSahli, Bassam Hamidi, Ahmad Taha, and Bilal Sa'id. They were killed in onslaughts targeting Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees.

Photojournalist Jehad Shehabi died in an air strike on Hjeira town, south of Damascus, while activist Yamen Dhaher was killed in a raid on Khan Eshieh Camp. News correspondent Tareq Ziad Khader was pronounced dead in Daraa Camp, south of Syria.

Yarmouk residents Niraz Sa'id, Khaled Bakrawi, Hassan Hassan, and Alaa Naji, along with Bilal Ahmad, from Muadhamiyat AlSham, were tortured to death in Syrian government prisons.

Iyas Farhat was the first journalist to be killed in Yarmouk as he covered a rally protesting the murder of 14 members of the Palestine Liberation Army in the bloody warfare north of Syria.

Ghassan Shehabi, director of AlShajara Center to document Palestinian heritage, along with activists Ahmad Kousa and Mounir AlKhatib were gunned down by a government sniper in Yarmouk Camp.

Scores of activists, journalists, and correspondents have, meanwhile, been locked up in Syrian government dungeons for years. The list included Muhannad Omar, Ali Shehabi, Rami Hajou, Ali Musleh, and Ahmad Jalil.

AGPS condemns 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.



Meanwhile, Palestinian tutors sheltered in AlHusainiya Camp and who have been laid off from UNRWA-run schools called on the refugee agency to reconsider its recruitment mechanisms regarding teaching staff in AlHusainiya and appoint instructors sheltered in the camp.

In a letter circulated on social media, an instructor wondered about the reason why UNRWA has downsized the number of employees from AlHusainiya Camp who were appointed in 2016 and brought in others from outside the camp.

He said AlHusainiya students are better taught by local instructors for the latter are better qualified to determine students' required input and provide them with catch-up sessions if needed.

Recently, residents of AlHusainiya Camp kept railing against the inadequate educational services and poor-quality output delivered to their children at local schools.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugees in Syria have staged rallies denouncing Israel's racist Jewish Nation-State Law.

Palestinians sheltered in such Syria-based refugee camps as Yarmouk, Khan Dannun, AlSabina, Jaramana, AlHusainiya, AlRamadan, AlNeirab, and AlRaml strongly condemned the racist measures pursued by the Israeli occupation authorities across the Palestinian territories.

The rally-goers condemned Israel's projected demolition of the Bedouin Palestinian village of Khan AlAhmar and the forcible transfer of its native inhabitants.



Protesters lifted banners calling on the international community to rally around the Palestinians throughout their anti-occupation struggle.

At least 1,700 Palestinian refugees have been secretly held in Syrian government dungeons since the outbreak of Syria's warfare.

In another development, the Palestine Charity Commission and Palestinian Red Crescent continue to provide free medical checks and therapy to displaced Palestinian refugees south of Damascus for the sixth consecutive day.

The move makes part of the 8th Medical Week staged in the area in partnership with the General Authority for Palestinian Arab Refugees.

Different types of drugs were handed over to the impoverished patients, mostly those taking refuge in Yalda, Babila, and Beit Sahem, after they were displaced from Yarmouk Camp.

