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## الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Palestinian Refugee Drowns on Syrian-Turkish Borders"

- Palestinian Refugee Tortured to Death in Syria, Torture Death Toll Hits 608
- 181 Residents of AlNeirab Camp for Palestine Refugees Killed in War-Torn Syria
- Palestinian Refugee Forcibly Disappeared by Syrian Gov't since 2014
- AGPS Annual Report Sheds Light on Squalid Conditions at Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian Refugees



## **Victims**

The body of a Palestinian refugee was spotted floating in Assi Valley, separating the Turkish and Syrian borders, on Thursday, October 3.

The casualty—Ghayth Ghazi Saleh Khaled AlMaajal, who took shelter in Syria's AlSabina refugee camp, before he was deported to Deir Ballout Camp, north of Syria—drowned as he attempted to creep into the Turkish territories.



Some 325 Palestinian families displaced from southern Damascus to the poorly-equipped Deir Ballout refugee camp, north of Syria, continue to launch cries for help over their exacerbated humanitarian situation.

The camp has been a hotbed for snakes and rodents. Civilians have also been subjected to an acute dearth in much-needed food and drinking water.

Youths taking refuge in the camps have been unable to pursue their studies as no educational facilities have been established in



the area. The lack of healthcare facilities and employment opportunities have made the situation far worse.

Along the same line, Palestinian refugee Fadi Fuad AlSoutari, a resident of Yarmouk Camp, in Damascus, died under torture in Syria's state-run prisons. His death brings the number of Palestinian victims of torture in Syrian government jails to 608.

AGPS calls on the Syrian government to disclose the fate of hundreds of Palestinians forcibly disappeared in state-run dungeons.



AGPS believes that the arbitrary internment of Palestinian refugees in war-torn Syria amounts to a war crime.

AGPS kept record of several cases where Palestinians have been kidnapped at government checkpoints or during assaults carried out by government troops on Palestinian refugee camps and shelters. In most such cases, the detainees' families receive their relatives' bodies from a military or government hospital while wrapped up in a plastic bag or in a blood-tainted piece of cloth.



## **Latest Developments**

AGPS documented the death of 181 of Palestinian residents of AlNeirab Camp, in Aleppo, all the way through Syria's eight-year conflict.

The list includes 12 refugees who were tortured to death in Syrian government jails. 16 others were identified as members of the progovernment Palestine Liberation Army, who were killed after they were kidnapped on their way back to the camp from a military site in Mesyaf.

According to AGPS data, as many as 3,988 Palestinians from Syria have been pronounced dead due to war-related incidents.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugee Mohamed Mohamed Alalwah, born in 1965, has been secretly held in Syrian government jails for the fifth consecutive year.

Mohamed was arrested by Syrian government forces at Ali AlWahsh checkpoint in January 2014. His family continues to appeal for information over his condition and whereabouts.

AGPS documented the secret detention of 1,768 Palestinian refugees, including 108 women and girls, in Syrian government lock-ups.

In another development, a newly-released report by AGPS documenting the situation of Palestinians of Syria in 2018 said Yarmouk Camp for Palestine refugees, south of Damascus, has been subjected to serious human rights violations and dire socioeconomic conditions.



Entitled "Palestinians of Syria: Unending Tragedies", the report said the sporadic shootouts between ISIS and AlNusra militias, on the one hand, and the Syrian government forces, on the other, during the first half of 2018, led to massive destruction on the camp, the displacement of hundreds of families, and the death of scores of civilians.

The government recaptured the camp on May 21, 2018, following a 33-day military operation launched in cooperation with the Russian forces on April 19, 2018. Mortar shells, tank shells, missiles, and other types of weapons slammed into the camp, resulting in the destruction of 60% of civilian buildings and facilities.



Following the operation, theft-property attempts have been increasingly reported in the camp. Pro-government militias have been raking through evacuated homes in Yarmouk and holding sway over furniture, copper, iron, and kitchenware belonging to displaced families.

During the last quarter of 2018, efforts were made to clear debris from residential alleyways. However, the displaced families have not gained access to their homes yet.