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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"AGPS: 241 Palestinian Children Killed in War-Torn Syria"

- Palestinian Refugee Tortured to Death in Syrian State Prison
- Palestinian Refugee Killed in Raging Hostilities
- Mass-Rally Held in AlSabina Camp to Celebrate Palestinian Land Day

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Victims

A Palestinian refugee born in 1978 died under torture in Syrian government prisons, where he had been locked up for years.

The refugee, whose name is kept secret by AGPS over security concerns, was a resident of Yarmouk Camp, south of Damascus.

According to AGPS database, as many as 574 Palestinian refugees, among them women and children, were tortured to death in Syrian government lock-ups.

At the same time, Palestinian refugee Mousa Yaser Ahmed Abu Saleh, affiliated with the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA), was pronounced dead in Syria.

The casualty is a resident of AlSayeda Zeinab Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Syria.

AGPS documented the death of 276 PLA gunmen in the embattled Syrian territories.





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Latest Developments

Statistics issued by AGPS on the occasion of International Children's Day kept record of the death of 241 Palestinian refugee children in war-torn Syria until April 5, 2019.

The data pointed out that 123 children died under shelling; 15 were fatally shot by snipers; 11 were gunned down; two children were tortured to death; 22 drowned at sea; 22 others were killed in car blasts; and 34 died due to the blockade and medical neglect. Another 14 children died of other causes, including burns, suffocation, run-over accidents, and abduction.

Sworn affidavits by ex-detainees also confirmed the presence of toddlers swung in their moms' arms in Syrian prisons and whose fates have remained shrouded in mystery.



Thousands of children have gone orphaned after they lost one or both of their parents in the deadly warfare.

Several Palestinian children taking refuge in Lebanon and Turkey after they fled Syria dropped out of school as they sought out livelihoods to feed themselves and their starved families in light of



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the reluctance maintained by the UNRWA and the international community vis-à-vis their tragic state of affairs.

Warfare in Syria has also had traumatic fallouts on Palestinian refugee children in and outside Syria. Post-traumatic stress disorders, mental psychosis, sleeplessness and nightmares, eating disorders, and intense fear have all been among the symptoms with which Palestinian children have been diagnosed.

On the occasion of Children's Universal Day, AGPS renews its calls to the international community, human rights institutions, UNICEF, UNRWA, and all concerned bodies to work on protecting Palestinian children in embattled Syria.

AGPS also appeals to Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, and Turkey to urgently step in and take immediate action so as to assuage the tragedy endured by Palestinian children who fled war-ragged Syria.

AGPS kept record of the death of 3,920 Palestinian refugees from Syria due to war-related incidents.

In another development, hundreds of Palestinian refugees and NGO representatives took part in a march staged in AlSabina Camp, in Rif Dimashq, to mark the Palestinian Land Day and speak out against Trump's statements regarding Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights.

The demonstrators marched from Muadh Ibn Jabal Mosque down to UNRWA schools in the camp. Banners denouncing Trump's biased statements were lifted in the march.



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A couple of weeks ago, US President Donald Trump overturned longstanding US policy regarding the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights, announcing "it is time" for the US to "fully recognize Israel's Sovereignty" over the region.

"After 52 years it is time for the United States to fully recognize Israel's Sovereignty over the Golan Heights, which is of critical strategic and security importance to the State of Israel and Regional Stability," Trump tweeted.



The announcement hands Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu a significant foreign policy victory, less than three weeks before Israelis head to the polls to decide whether he should remain in power. The move comes just days before Netanyahu is set to join Trump at the White House and follows weeks during which Netanyahu has renewed his push for the US to recognize the Golan Heights as part of Israel.

Israel captured the Golan Heights from Syria during the Six-Day War of 1967 and formally annexed the territory in 1981. But that annexation has not been recognized by the international community, which has regarded the Golan Heights as occupied



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territory and Israeli settlements there as illegal under international law. The UN special envoy for Syria, Geir Pedersen, recently reiterated that position.

"The Security Council is very clear that the Golan is Syrian territory, and the first aspect of (Resolution) 2254 is of course the territorial integrity of Syria," he said in a news briefing in late February.