

# التقرير اليومي الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

### Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"Rights Groups Urge Palestinian Authority President to Launch Immediate Probe into Execution of Khartabil by Syrian Gov't"



- Palestinian Refugee Killed in Pro-Government Battles in Syria's Badia Region
- Missing Palestinian Refugee Udai Daoud Tortured to Death in Syrian Jail, Family Says
- Deaths, Injuries Reported among Palestinians Affiliated with Pro-Gov't AlJalil Forces in Hama Suburbs
- ISIS Tightens Grip on Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian Refugees
- Swedish News Outlets: Minors Shorn of Right to Family Reunification

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#### **Victims**

Palestinian Refugee Nidhal Zakaria AlKhatib died as he fought alongside the Syrian government forces in battles waged against the opposition outfits in AlBadia region at daybreak Saturday.

According to local activists, opposition groups have withheld AlKhatib's body. Clashes have also been ongoing in the area.



AlKhatib, a father of two children, is from Akka's village of Shaab. He is a leading member of the Syrian Social Nationalist Party.

At the same time, two members of AlJalil Forces, the military wing of the pro-government Palestinian Return Youth Movement, were pronounced dead in hostilities rocking AlMab'ouja area, in Rif Hama.

In a statement posted on Facebook, AlJalil battalion mourned the death of Nadhir Mahmoud Mastou and Jaafar Ahmed Sadeq, both killed in clashes with ISIS.

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Meanwhile, the family of the missing Palestinian refugee Udai Ahmed AlHaj Daoud, 25, said the latter died under torture in Syrian government jails.

The family said security forces in AlKabon, in Damascus, handed them over his identity documents a couple of years earlier and asked them to get a death certificate from Tishreen Military Hospital in Damascus.

AGPS documented the death of 467 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government lock-ups, where hundreds of other detainees have been enduring a mysterious fate.

#### Latest Developments

The Syrian Network for Human Rights (SN4HR) and the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor sent a letter to the Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas on Saturday, August 5, 2017, demanding an immediate investigation into the execution of Palestinian engineer Bassil Kharbatil AlSafadi, and hundreds of other Palestinians in Syria.

According to the two groups, under the umbrella of Palestine's International Criminal Court membership, the PA could investigate and question the Syrian authorities' actions against the Palestinians of Syria over the past five years.

Since the beginning of the 2011 crisis in Syria, Palestinian refugees have faced serious violations that have escalated over time. "Targeting Palestinians as a separate group has become a goal in itself," stated a

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spokesperson for the two London and Geneva-based human rights organizations.



In this context, crimes such the large-scale deliberate killing and targeting of Palestinian civilian neighborhoods and camps, using explosive barrels, arbitrary arrests and torture, which was documented by the two groups, fall within the category of crimes against humanity or war crimes.

The two organizations demanded that the results of the investigation to be submitted to the local Palestinian courts to prosecute those responsible for committing such crimes so as to ensure justice and prevent impunity.

In the meantime, ISIS militias have stepped up crackdowns on civilians stranded in Yarmouk Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Damascus.

ISIS has reportedly ordered at least four families in AlShuhadaa zone to leave their homes. The targeted families are not allowed to take any of their personal belongings out of the camp.

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The escalation has come shortly after reports have emerged on a new round of talks with pro-government parties, believed to be from Hezbollah.

ISIS has grabbed hold of the camp since early April 2015 with the help of AlNusra Front.

Meanwhile, a displaced refugee told AGPS that UNRWA gave instructions for the evacuation of Damascus Training Center (DTC), used as shelter for the displaced Palestinian families, by the end of August.

UNRWA said no alternative shelters will be secured to the displaced families. At the same time, reports have emerged on their projected transfer to Adra schools, in Rif Dimashq.

Nearly 2,000 people have been taking cover in DTC, fleeing such beleaguered Palestinian refugee camps as Yarmouk and AlSbeina.



In another development, Swedish news sources said abandoned minors seeking asylum in Sweden lose the right to reunite with their families in the kingdom as soon as they are granted the Swedish citizenship.

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According to the Swedish law, only foreigners and non-Swedish nationals have the right to family reunification.

Sweden's migration law of 1997 stipulates that minors who get married or obtain the Swedish citizenship be not entitled to family reunification.

In a complaint emailed to AGPS sometime earlier, a Palestinian family from Syria said it has been banned from reuniting with their son on account that he had been granted the Swedish citizenship.

Stateless children in Sweden become Swedish nationals if they lived in Sweden for two years.

#### Palestinians of Syria: August 05, 2017 Statistics:

- At least 3,549 Palestinians, including 463 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,622 Palestinian refugees, including 102 women, are incarcerated in Syrian government lock-ups.
- Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,471 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 1,210 and 1,059 days.

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- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,553 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 306 days.
- Nearly 85,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria 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.