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"Dozens of Palestinians Feared Dead Among 13,000
Detainees Mass-Executed in Sednaya Lock-Up"



- Syrian Gov't Forces Strike Palestinian Community in Deraa with Ground-to-Ground Missile
- Jaramana Residents Deprived of Much-Needed Fuel Supplies

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Latest Developments

AGPS is deeply concerned that dozens of Palestinians from Syria might be among 13,000 casualties executed in the government Sednaya penal complex.

The Syrian government executed up to 13,000 prisoners in mass hangings and carried out systematic torture at the military jail of Sednaya near Damascus, human rights watchdog Amnesty International reported on Tuesday.



Amnesty said the executions took place between 2011 and 2015, but were probably still being carried out and amounted to war crimes.

According to the Amnesty report, an average of 20 to 50 persons were hanged each week at the Sednaya military prison north of Damascus.

Several cases referred to by Amnesty International match data released by AGPS as regards the psycho-physical ill-being of the detainees and the dire detention circumstances in Syrian government jails.

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AGPS kept record of the incarceration of 1,154 Palestinian refugees in Syrian regime penitentiaries. Dozens are feared to be among the casualties of the Sednaya mass-execution.

Based on affidavits and interviews held with activists, ex-detainees, and families of missing Palestinians, AGPS found out that 458 Palestinians were tortured to death in Syrian regime jails, including in Sednaya lock-up.

Ex-detainees also provided evidence for the incarceration of several Palestinian refugees in Sednaya, among other government prisons.

The figures are expected to be much higher due to difficulties in the documentation process and the government reticence over the fate of Palestinian refugees held in Syrian penal complexes.

Difficulties in documentation also stem from the families' reluctance to reveal the fate of their missing relatives for fear of retaliation and torture.

In another development, the Syrian government forces on Monday struck the Al-Sadd Road, housing Palestinian refugees in Deraa suburbs, with a surface-to-surface missile. No injuries were reported in the onslaught.

At the same time, violent clashes flared up on the outskirts of the Deraa Camp and the adjacent towns between the government troops and the opposition outfits.

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Over recent years, Deraa Camp has sustained remarkable material damage as the Israeli regime army has stepped up offensives on the shelter using heavy machinegun, rockets, and gas cylinders.

Meanwhile, residents of the Jaramana Camp, in Rural Damascus, have run out of fuel reserves urgently needed for heating.

Speaking with AGPS, the residents said they registered their names on the line-up list but received no fuel supplies so far.

"Only a few of us received 50 liters and others received 100 liters. However the bulk of civilians have been deprived of fuel reserves with the advent of winter," a local resident told AGPS.

He added that fuel is being sold on the black market at up 350 Syrian Liras a liter, adding insult to injury in an area where civilians have been grappling with dire socio-economic conditions, high unemployment rates, steep rental fees, and a sharp nosedive in relief assistance by UNRWA and other charities.

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Palestinians of Syria: February 7, 2017 Statistics:

- At least 3,432 Palestinians, including 455 women, were killed in war-torn Syria.
- 1,154 Palestinian refugees, including 83 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 1,329 days in a row.
- 190 Palestinians died of undernourishment and medical neglect in the blockaded Yarmouk Camp.
- Water supplies cut off in Deraa and Yarmouk camps respectively for 1,032 and 839 days.
- Residents of Handarat Camp, in Aleppo, denied access to their homes for 1,376 days. Government battalions have been holding sway over the camp for more than 111 days.
- Government troops ban residents of Al-Sbiena Camp from returning to their homes for 1,181 days running.
- Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.
- 31,000 Palestinians from Syria are housed in Lebanon.
- 17 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.