

11-04-2020

No. 2726

## التقرير اليومي

## الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"10 Palestinians Killed in War-Torn Syria in March 2020"

- Palestinian Refugees to Go Homeless in Khan Dannun due to Steep Rental Fees
- Anti-Coronavirus Measures Taken by Red Crescent to Protect Palestinian Refugees in Syria
- 196 Migrants on Hunger Strike in Greek Camp
- 4 Members of Palestinian Family Forcibly Disappeared in Syrian Jails



## **Latest Developments**

AGPS has recorded the death of 10 Palestinian refugees in March 2020 due to war-related incidents in the Arab Syrian Republic.

The list includes six Palestinian refugees who were fatally gunned down and four others who died under torture in Syrian government prisons.

Five among the casualties are identified as civilians (non-military). No women or girls figure on the list.



AGPS has documented the death of over 4,000 Palestinian refugees in Syria, including 484 women and girls, since 2011 as a result of war-related incidents.

Scores of Palestinian refugees have also been left wounded, including dozens who have undergone limb amputation or eye loss.

In another development, residents of Khan Dannun refugee camp have denounced the soaring rental prices, saying scores of families risk to go homeless after they failed to pay houseowners.

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus across the war-stricken country and the world along with the lockdown measures imposed



by the government have added fuel to fire, leaving hundreds of displaced Palestinian families in distress.

Activists have appealed to houseowners to exempt the inhabitants from rents for at least one month in light of the economic hardship inflicted by the full shutdown.

Living conditions in Khan Dannun camp sharply deteriorated due to the lack of financial resources and high unemployment rates wrought by the raging warfare. A transportation crisis has made life difficult in the camp.

Water supplies have also been repeatedly cut off across residential neighborhoods in Khan Dannun, forcing civilians to by drinking water from privately-owned tanks at steep prices.

Meanwhile, director of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in Syria, Atef Ibrahim, said the organization has opted for emergency measures in order to help Palestinian refugees across Syria fight coronavirus.





Speaking during a meeting with the political department's chief of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Anwar Abdul Hadi, the Red Crescent director said clinics run by the international humanitarian organization have been supplied with medical equipment and sterilizers that are sufficient for one month. Awareness-raising courses have also been held and leaflets distributed as part of ongoing efforts to respond to COVID-19.

Ibrahim added that free medical checks and healthcare assistance has been provided at Palestinian Red Crescent offices in Khan Dannun, Latakia, Hama, Yalda, and Yarmouk Camp along with the organization's Bisan and Yafa clinics, in Hums and Damascus.

In the meantime, 196 migrants stranded in Moria camp in Greece have gone on a hunger strike to protest abject conditions in the migrant facility and push for their transfer to a safer destination.

Some 465 Palestinian refugees from Syria have been deeply concerned about their fate in the tension-stricken Moria camp, pitched on the Greek island of Lesbos, amid COVID-19 outbreak in the Southeastern European country.

Palestinian refugees and other migrants have been subjected to a dire humanitarian situation in Moria camp among other substandard facilities set up in Greece, most of them vastly overcrowded, unhygienic and violence-prone.

Over recent months, Moria, one of the biggest refugee camps in Europe, has been running at three times its capacity, with nearly 20,000 refugees.



Palestinian refugees from Syria continue to risk their lives onboard the "death boats" to Greece, rummaging around for a momentary respite from the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction.

Activists estimate that around 4,000 Palestinian refugees from Syria are taking shelter on Greece islands.



In another development, four members of the Palestinian Daoud family have been enduring mysterious fates in Syrian staterun prisons for over seven years.

The four family members are: Nour Ahmad Daoud, born in 1987, a resident of AlHajar AlAswad area, and the father of a young girl. He was kidnapped in 2013; Daoud Ahmad Daoud, born in 1986, a resident of AlHajar AlAswad, and the father of two boys and a girl. He was kidnapped at the AlBatikha checkpoint.

The list also includes the two brothers Mahmoud Mohamed Kheir Daoud, born in 1996, and Ali Mohamed Kheir Daoud, born in 1998. Both are residents of AlHajar AlAswad and were kidnapped in 2014 from AlDweilaa area, in Damascus.



Lists of hundreds of forcibly disappeared Palestinian refugees and victims in Syria are available on AGPS website, both in English and Arabic. AGPS supplies a database of their names and possible times and places of arrest.

AGPS has documented the secret detention of 1,794 Palestinian refugees, including women and minors, in Syrian government lock-ups.