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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"AGPS: 250 Palestinian Children Killed in War-Torn Syria"

- UNRWA Schools to Open on Time despite Cuts to Funding
- Palestine Refugees Denounce Delays in Citizenship Application Procedures in Sweden
- Palestinian Doctor Radi Shakosh Forcibly Disappeared in Syria for 8th Year

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Latest Developments

A newly-released report by AGPS has kept record of the death of 250 Palestinian refugee children in war-torn Syria until June 2019.

The data pointed out that 128 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 35 died due to the blockade and medical neglect. Another 14 children died of other causes, including burns, suffocation, run-over accidents, and abduction.

Children make up 6.27% of the overall death toll among the Palestinians of Syria, estimated at 3,737.

To download the report, click here:

http://www.actionpal.org.uk/ar/reports/special/agps_stats_2019.pdf

Sworn affidavits by ex-detainees 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.

The warfare in Syria has had traumatic fallouts on Palestinian refugee children in and outside of Syria. Post-traumatic stress disorders, mental psychosis, sleeplessness and nightmares, eating disorders, and intense fear have all been reported among Palestinian children from Syria.



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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 zones.

In another development, over 700 schools run by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) will open in time for the new academic year across the occupied Palestinian territories (oPt), as well as in Jordan, Lebanon and Syria, within less than a month, the refugee agency has announced.

More than half a million Palestinian boys and girls will start the new school year at UNRWA facilities, despite the cuts to funding imposed by the US and now a number of European countries.



For nearly 70 years, UNRWA has preserved the right to education to Palestine refugee children and has strived to provide education, including during times of conflict, blockade and occupation, allowing 2.5 million students to graduate from its schools since 1950.

“Any child in the world should be preparing for a new school year these days, and so should Palestine refugee children,” said



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UNRWA Commissioner-General Pierre Krähenbühl. “Access to education is a fundamental right and a pillar of our Agency’s mandate. Quality education is at the heart of human development and the numerous achievers around the world who had attended UNRWA schools can tell thousands of stories about their years in UNRWA schools: we are extremely proud of them all.”

UNRWA operates 709 elementary and preparatory schools in its five fields of operation, including eight secondary schools in Lebanon, providing free basic education for over 530,000 Palestine refugee children. Pupils in UNRWA schools follow the host countries’ national curricula and textbooks.

“We are extremely grateful to our donors whose dedication to preserving the right to education has allowed us to announce today that all UNRWA schools in our five fields of operations will open,” added Krähenbühl. Many families will find deep reassurance knowing that their children will be in classrooms come September. The courage displayed every single day by our students in the pursuit of their education despite the challenges of having to cross check-points, live in areas of conflict or under occupation is an inspiration to us all.”

UNRWA is a United Nations agency established by the General Assembly in 1949 and mandated to provide assistance and protection to some 5.4 million Palestine refugees registered with UNRWA across its five fields of operation.

Meanwhile, scores of Palestinian refugees from Syria who have applied for citizenship in Sweden said they have not received replies over their applications for nearly a year’s time.



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Palestinian refugees from Syria who have stayed in Sweden for four years are eligible to apply for citizenship in the kingdom. No other prerequisites have been set by Sweden for citizenship applications. Children of Palestinians from Syria who were born in Sweden and one of whose parents has got a permanent residence permit are systematically granted citizenship.

However, the time-span allocated for examining applications for visas or family reunification submitted by refugees from Syria is often estimated as being very long.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Radi Mohamed Saleh Shakosh has been incarcerated in Syrian jails for the eighth consecutive year.

Shakosh was kidnapped by the Syrian intelligence forces on August 11, 2011 outside of his clinic in Khan Eshieh Camp. His fate has been shrouded in mystery.

AGPS documented the internment of 1,759 Palestinian detainees in Syrian prisons, among them 108 women and girls.

