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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



### "2 Palestinian Refugees Killed in Israeli Strike on Damascus"

- 8 Palestinians from Syria Pronounced Dead in October
- Hittin Community in Damascus Gripped with Economic Crises
- Poetry Anthology by Palestinian Refugee from Syria Translated into Greek

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## Latest Developments

Palestinian refugees Abdullah Yousef Hasan and Muadh AlAJouri were killed on Tuesday and six others, including a child, were wounded after the Israeli occupation forces slammed missiles into a residential apartment in AlMezzeh area, in Damascus.

Local sources said three Israeli missiles hit the home of Islamic Jihad leader Akram AlAjouri, resulting in heavy material damage and the death of his son Muadh, along with Abdullah Hasan, a resident of Khan Dannoun Camp in Rif Dimashq.



The funeral procession will reportedly take place on Wednesday in Yarmouk and Khan Dannoun refugee camps.

Along the same line, AGPS has documented the death of eight Palestinian refugees from Syria in October 2019 due to war-related incidents, down from five refugees in October 2018.

The list of casualties includes three Palestinians who were tortured to death in Syrian government prisons, three others who were fatally shot, and another who was extra-judicially executed. One more refugee died on the migration route.



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As for the death locations, three Palestinians were pronounced dead in Daraa, south of Syria, another in Rif Dimashq, and one more in Aleppo. Another three refugees died in unknown locations.

As for the victims of October 2018, four were pronounced dead in Teloul AlSafa in AlSweida desert, south of Syria, and another in Damascus.

According to AGPS data, 4,006 Palestinian refugees from Syria have been pronounced dead since the outburst of the deadly conflict.

In another development, hundreds of Palestinian refugees from Hittin community, in Barzah, in Damascus, have been grappling with dire conditions as a result of the Syrian warfare.

All the way through Syria's eight-year conflict, residents of Hittin have firmly rebuffed all attempts to drag them into the raging hostilities and have kept themselves at a distance from all warring parties.



In early March 2013, the community had come under heavy shelling due to its strategic proximity to flashpoints and government-held zones north of Damascus.



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Hittin community is bordered from the west by the Syrian Scientific Research Centre compound, where machineguns and mortars were stationed. To the east, it is overseen by the lanes of Barzah AlBalad, which was under the control of the Free Army battalions (affiliated with the Syrian opposition).

In March 2013, tensions had reached a zenith due to the simmering sniper attacks and mortar raids carried out in the area. The community had come under a crippling siege and the warring parties had forced the inhabitants out.

In mid-April 2013, most residents fled the area. They regained access to their homes following an armistice struck between the Syrian government forces and the opposition outfits in Barzah AlBalad.

In the meantime, a renowned publishing house in Athens released the Greek version of a poetry anthology by the Palestinian poet Mahmoud AlSersawi, which was translated by Professor A. Pianotti. It includes a forward by Professor Renos Papa Dublos and notes by Prof. George Rodosynthos, journalist Kifah Jahjah, Greek teacher Anastats, Cypriot Minister of Labor and Communications, and Mayor of Strovolos. The anthology was published in its English version earlier this year under the title *The Edge of Passion*.

Palestinian poet Mahmoud AlSersawi has been a member of the Union of Palestinian Writers and Journalists since 1985. He has produced several poetic anthologies, including “Sighs of Drought”, “The Remains of the Soul”, “The Edge of Passion”, “Sound and Silence”, and “A Critical Study of Mahmoud Darwish's Poetry”.





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A Palestinian poet from Syria, who now lives in Cyprus, Alstersawi is an awarded poet who also worked as a cultural editor for many Arabic and Palestinian journals before fleeing Syria. Ever since he fled to Cyprus with his family to escape the brutal war, he dreamed to have part of his poetry collection published and shared with Cypriots.

In 2010, he received the Palestinian Writers and Journalists Union decoration for his outstanding creativity and cultural activism. He is also the founder of the Ghassan Kanafani Forum in Damascus.

He began working in the press in 1988 and has written extensively in Palestinian and Arab newspapers.

