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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"39 Palestinian Refugees Killed in Syria in May 2019"

- PLA Conscript Arrested by Syrian Security Forces
- Palestinian Refugee Forcibly Disappeared by Syrian Gov't for 7th Year
- AlRamadan Camp for Palestinian Refugees Grappling With Water Crisis
- Follow-Up Committee for Palestinians from Syria in Gaza Meet with UNRWA Director



Latest Developments

AGPS documented the death of 39 Palestinian refugees in Syria in May 2019, up from 32 in May 2018. 15 among the casualties died as a result of heavy torture in Syrian government jails.

The list also includes 10 Palestinians who died under shelling, seven who were extra-judicially executed, four refugees who died in blasts, and two others as a result of fatal shooting. Another Palestinian was gunned down by sniper fire.



Aleppo topped the list with 11 casualties, followed by Damascus with seven victims. Another three refugees died in Rif Dimashq and two in Hama. One Palestinian was pronounced dead in Daraa while 15 others died in unknown locations.

As for the victims of May 2018, 30 Palestinians died in Damascus, one in Daraa, and another in Idlib.

In another development, a conscript identified as Ahmad Hasan, from the Palestine Liberation Army (PLA), affiliated with the Syrian government, was arrested in Jamala village, in Yarmouk Basin, in Daraa's northwestern suburbs.



Palestinian refugees who joined the PLA in Syria have been enduring serious crackdowns and abuses.

According to informed sources, a number of Palestinian youths have been summoned to questioning by government officers and subjected to psycho-physical torture to force confession.

The recruits also said they have been forced to carry out exhausting personal chores for government officers against their will and under threat of punishment. Even those who have had their security files worked out have been involved in forced labor.

The Syrian government forces continue to drag Palestinian refugees to mandatory military conscription, forcing dozens to become internally displaced and dozens more to seek refuge in other countries.

Shortly after the outburst of the deadly warfare, the Syrian government forced Palestinian refugees aged 18 and above to join affiliated militias for periods of at least one year and a half.

Those who refuse conscription are subjected to crackdowns, abductions and even executions. As a result, thousands fled the tension-stricken country in the hunt for a safer shelter.

Along the same line, Palestinian university student Maher Abdul Hamid AlAyesh, aged 30, has been enduring a mysterious fate after he was kidnapped by Syrian government forces in June 10, 2012 from the exam room at Damascus Faculty of Science.



Mohamed, a third-year student of mathematics, was born in Tel Hamees, in AlKameshli, northeast of Syria, near the Turkish borders.



Meanwhile, residents of AlRamadan Camp for Palestinian refugees, southeast of Syria, have been enduring a severe water dearth.

The residents continue to appeal to UNRWA and the General Authority for Palestinian Refugees to take urgent action in response to the crisis, saying they have been forced to purchase water from mobile tanks at steep prices.





The residents have also launched cries for help over the socioeconomic crises they have been enduring as a result of poverty, unemployment, and the swift price leap.

AlRamdan Camp for Palestinian refugees is located some 50 kilometers away from southeastern Damascus. The nearest city to the camp—AlDameer city—is located at a distance of nine kilometers.

In the meantime, representatives of the Follow-Up Committee of Palestinian Refugees from Syria in Gaza met on Wednesday, June 12, with the director of UNRWA operations in Gaza Matthias Schmale. Both parties discussed the situation of Palestinian refugees who returned to Gaza from war-torn Syria.

The UN envoy said the US cut of its funds to the refugee agency has had serious fallouts on UNRWA's performance and relief services in Gaza, the West Bank, Syria, and Jordan.

Schmale said the agency will leave no stone unturned to retrieve its services for Palestinian refugees at such a critical moment in their history, vowing that UNRWA will reach out to donor countries to garner funds for shelter projects allocated to Palestinian refugees from Syria.