

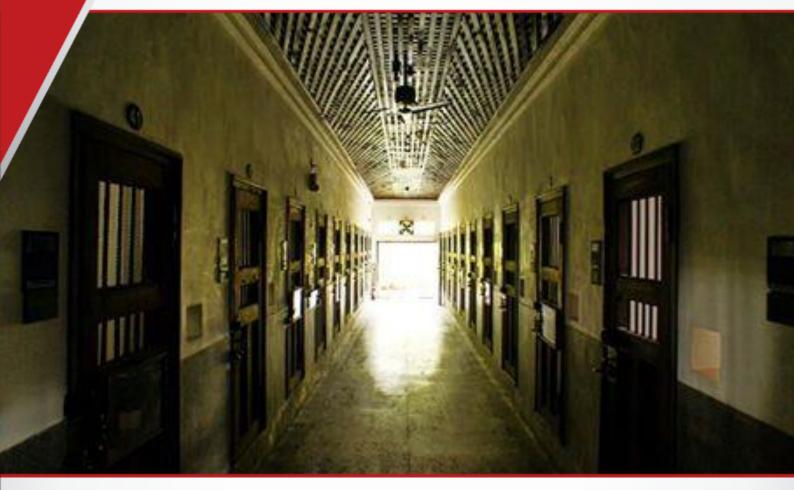
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الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Over 1,748 Palestinian Refugees Enduring Mysterious Fate in Syrian State Jails"

- Palestinian Refugee Samir Kasem Mohamed Held in Syrian Gov't Jail for 8th Year
- 10 Members of Liwaa AlQuds Pronounced Dead in War-Torn Syria
- Stray Dogs Sway AlSabina Camp for Palestinian Refugees



Latest Developments

AGPS has been deeply concerned about the upsurge in the number of Palestinian victims of torture and enforced disappearance in Syria.

Over 1,748 Palestinian refugees have been secretly held in Syrian government dungeons since the outburst of deadly hostilities.

AGPS also documented the death of over 540 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government lock-ups, including women, children, and elderly civilians.

Affidavits by ex-detainees provided evidence on the involvement of Syrian government officers in harsh torture tactics, including electric shocks, heavy beating using whips and iron sticks, and sexual abuse against Palestinian detainees, in a flagrant violation of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, commonly known as the United Nations Convention against Torture (UNCAT).



AGPS estimates the real number to be far higher due to the gag orders slapped by the Syrian government on the detainees' names



and fates, along with the families' reluctance to report such cases over retaliation concerns.

AGPS continues to urge the Syrian government to disclose the fate of scores of Palestinians held in its lock-ups, release the bodies of those tortured to death, to seriously work on halting harsh torture tactics, launch fact-finding probes into crimes of torture, and to bring those involved in such crimes before courts.

Along the same line, Palestinian refugee Samir Kacem Mohamed, born in 1985, has been secretly locked up in Syrian government prisons for over eight years running.



Samir was kidnapped on November 11, 2011 near AlHamed Mall, in Daraa. His condition and whereabouts have been shrouded in mystery.

In another development, Liwaa AlQuds battalion, affiliated with the Syrian government forces, has mourned the death of 10 fighters in AlBadiya, in Deir AlZor, in shootouts against ISIS militias.



On April 14, Liwaa AlQuds mourned the death of Emad Zakaria Jamou, Mohamed Yehya Hajaj, Ahmad Yehya Hajaj, Luay Mohamed Ali AlHaj, Ali Jamal AlKhatib, Mohamed Basel AlTaleb, Basel Mustafa Abdul Kahar, Wesam Suleiman Abdul Rahman, Abdul Aziz Husain AlArbeid, and Osama Abdullah Sweidan. They were killed in clashes with ISIS in Beir Ali, south of AlMayadeen.



Meanwhile, residents of AlSabina Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, have raised concerns over their children's safety as packs of stray dogs have been spotted in and around the camp.

The refugees have appealed to the concerned authorities and NGOs to take urgent action over the spread of feral dogs in the camp, a phenomenon that has seen the day after dozens of civilians were forced out of their homes in the unabated warfare.

Located some 14 kilometers away from southern Damascus, AlSabina Camp has been gripped with an abject situation owing to the absence of humanitarian assistance, relief aids, proper infrastructure, and vital facilities. Frequent water and power outages have made the situation far worse.