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## الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"AGPS: 49 Palestinian Children Syria Forcibly Disappeared in Syria Prisons"

- Due to Protracted Displacement, School Output Deteriorating in Khan Dannun Camp for Palestinian Refugees
- UNRWA's Syria Staff Rally over Infringed Rights
- Civilians' Life Marred by Motorcycle Accidents in AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian Refugees



## **Latest Developments**

49 Palestinian children have been forcibly disappeared in Syrian government prisons since the outbreak of the Syrian conflict in 2011, according to AGPS data.

The minors' ages vary between one and 18 years.

The list includes children Hamza Firas Dasouki, born in 2011, and Hala Firas Dasouki, born in 2012. They were kidnapped along with their mother by Syria's pro-government squads at a checkpoint in Nisreen Street, in AlTadhamun neighborhood, south of Damascus in 2013.

Testimonies by ex-detainees have confirmed the presence of toddlers swung in their moms' arms in Syrian prisons and whose fates have remained shrouded in mystery.

AGPS has also kept record of the death of 252 Palestinian refugee children in war-torn Syria.

The data points out that 129 children died under shelling; 15 were fatally shot by snipers; 11 were gunned down; two children were tortured to death; 22 drowned at sea; 26 others were killed in car blasts; and 34 died due to the blockade and medical neglect. Other children died of other causes, including burns, suffocation, runover accidents, and abduction.



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.

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.

Meanwhile, students' academic results and achievements have gone downhill in Khan Dannun Camp for Palestinian refugees due to the traumatic fallouts of the conflict raging in Syria for over a decade.

Overcrowded classrooms, the lack of teaching staff (many of them have been arrested and/or tortured), along with the absence of school furniture and educational aids have made teaching/learning quite a challenging task in Syria.

Several schoolchildren have dropped out of school due to long shifts, which last for over nine hours daily in an area where the conflict has a heavy toll on students' intellectual output and psychological wellbeing. In 2016, success rates at schools have seen a 30% decrease.



The pandemic outbreak has added bad to worse as classes have been interrupted regularly.

In another development, UNRWA staff workers have staged vigils at a number of UNRWA schools in Syria as they spoke up against the infringement of their rights and salary cuts.

UNRWA teachers lifted banners condemning the Agency's salary lowering policy and calling timely delivery of their monthly wage.

Unions of UNRWA staff workers have called for a two-hour vigil on Wednesday, November 24, outside of UNRWA offices ahead of an open-ended strike.

The unions continue to call on the Agency to cancel unpaid exceptional leaves and to retroactively resume annual bonuses suspended since March.

They further urged UNRWA to create labor opportunities, recruit more Palestinian refugees, end temporary-work and day labor policy, pay November and December salaries, and implement the decisions of the Beirut Conference.

In the meantime, residents of AlNeirab Camp for Palestinian refugees continue to rail against the uncontrolled use of motorcycles in the area, a phenomenon they said poses serious threats to the lives of their children.

Several horrific accidents took place due to inappropriate speed and infringement of road safety rules across residential alleyways.



Recently, a young man called Abed Harb sustained severe wounds after he lost control over the motorcycle.

The residents held Liwaa AlQuds members, affiliated with the Syrian government forces, accountable for the security mayhem rocking the area and called for impeaching those responsible.