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- Palestinians among 13 Asylum Seekers Rescued off Turkey
- Dozens of Palestinians from Syria Graduate from European High Schools

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Latest Developments

A report released by AGPS on the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture documented the death of 636 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syria's state-run prisons, among 34 women and two minors.

AGPS believes the number is far higher due to the gag orders enforced by the Syrian regime on the detainees' fates and names, along with the reluctance of the casualty's families to reveal the names of their deceased or missing relatives for fear of retaliation.

Most of the casualties' bodies have been withheld by the Syrian government forces, in what activists dubbed another crime perpetrated by the regime militias in war-torn Syria.

Withholding the bodies of slain civilians is prohibited under international law except in cases where pillage and mistreatment are feared to occur.

The Fourth Geneva Convention, the Hague Convention, and the Rome Statute consider the despoliation and mistreatment of dead bodies war crimes.

AGPS calls for internationalizing the cause and appealing to international courts and human rights institutions to urge the Syrian regime to disclose the fate of several Palestinians held in government lock-ups and to release the bodies of those tortured to death.

AGPS renews its demand to the Syrian Regime to release and disclose the fate of over 2,000 Palestinian detainees who have had mysterious fates so far.

In another development, at least three Palestinian refugees have been brought before courts in European countries over war crime allegations in Syria. Two others have been accused of committing war crimes.

In 2017, an Austrian court sentenced a Palestinian refugee from Syria's AlAyedeen refugee camp, in Hums, to life over charges of



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killing 20 regime-affiliated soldiers as he fought alongside AlFarouk opposition group in Hums between 2013 and 2014.

In 2021, German police arrested Palestinian refugee Moufek Daouah for involvement in war crimes, including firing homemade grenades at a group of civilians in 2014, in Yarmouk Camp. At least seven people were pronounced dead and three others injured. Moufek reportedly fought alongside Free Palestine Movement, affiliated with Bashar AlAssad.

Dutch police arrested on Tuesday, May 24, a Palestinian refugee from his house in Kerkrade village over suspicions of involvement in war crimes and crimes against humanity. The refugee was a resident of AlNeirab Camp, in the northern Syrian province of Aleppo. He was born on April 18, 1986. He has been living in The Netherlands since 2020.

Two other Palestinians in Germany have also been accused of committing human rights abuses in Syria.

Meanwhile, Turkish coast guard rescued on June 24 a group of 13 migrants, mostly Palestinians, as they attempted to reach the Greek island of Samos.

The migrants launched distress signals after their engine broke down in regional water. They were transferred to Izmir seaport.

In the meantime, hundreds of displaced Palestinian refugees in/from Syria have achieved success stories, despite the traumatic upshots wrought by the daily scenes of bloodshed and destruction across the embattled Syrian territories.

Recently, a number of Palestinian refugee students obtained their graduation certificates with honours at renowned academic institutions across European countries.

Scores of refugee students have also obtained the highest scores at schools and universities in Sweden, Germany, and Denmark.