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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria

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"On International Day for Elimination of Violence against
Women: 455 Palestinian Women Killed in Syria, 80
Locked up in Jails"



- Two Palestinian youngsters wounded in Aleppo fighting
- Angry Palestinian asylum-seekers torch Greece refugee camp
- Charities renovate Palestinian refugee homes in Qudsaya

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Latest Developments

Palestinian female refugees, who make up 49% of the Palestinian refugee community in war-torn Syria, have been subjected to harsh psychophysical torture inside and outside Syrian jails.

AGPS figures indicate that 455 Palestinian women died of war-related incidents, most notably bombardment, sniper bullets, and torture behind prison bars. 80 female refugees have also been incarcerated in Syrian prisons and their fate has remained shrouded in mystery.



A sworn affidavit by a female ex-detainee provided evidence for harsh torture tactics and oppressive penal policies perpetrated against women, Palestinians in particular, in Syrian jails. Torture tactics included electric shocks, heavy beating using whips and iron sticks, and sexual abuse. A number of expectant women were forced to abort due to violence by the Syrian wardens.

AGPS kept record of the death of 35 Palestinian female refugees due to torture in Syrian lock-ups, some among whom have been identified via

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leaked snapshots. 37 female refugees have gone missing inside and outside the Syrian territories. 26 others breathed their last onboard the "death-boats" to Europe, fleeing bloody warfare in Syria.

Several women have also gone homeless or widowed after they lost their husbands and/or children in the war or due to torture. AGPS found out that among 45,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees in Lebanon, 3,360 families have had women as their sole breadwinners.

Inherently a taboo misdemeanor in the MENA region, violence against women, be it sexual, physical, or verbal, has remained under-reported among the Palestinian refugee community in Syria, with reasons wavering between fear of retaliation, embarrassment, social prestige, fear of punishment for those below the age of criminal responsibility, and distrust in law enforcement.

Meanwhile, Palestinian refugees Mohamed Ahmad Salama and Saleh Omar Ghanam, sheltered in Al-Neirab Camp in Aleppo, were killed while fighting alongside the pro-regime Liwa Al-Quds brigades in Aleppo.

At least 809 Palestinian refugees were killed while taking part in hostilities with and against the different warring actors in Syria.

In another development, angry migrants set fire to Moria camp on the Greek island of Lesbos on Thursday after a woman died following a gas cylinder blast.

Three children who were inside the same tent sustained wounds in the blast. No details were revealed on the nationalities and ages of the injured children.

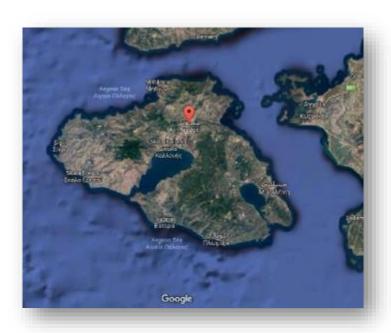
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Several fires and clashes have erupted in refugee camps on the Greek islands, where thousands of refugees and migrants have become stranded after the Greek authorities kept a tight rein on the borders in an attempt to stem the influx of migrants.

AGPS, among other watchdogs, haves warned that many of the camps set up in Greece and created out of abandoned industrial facilities and warehouses are ill-suited as long-term accommodation for refugees and children with the advent of a freezing winter season.



Civil Action Committees

The Palestine Charity Commission, in partnership with UNRWA, has continued, for the third day running, works to reconstruct Palestinian refugee homes in Qudsaya, in Damascus Outskirts.

Several homes sheltering Palestinian refugees in Qudsaya have been partially or totally destroyed due to the unbroken shelling and deadly

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hostilities between the government battalions and opposition outfits in Syria.

Nearly 6,000 Palestinian families, mostly displaced from Yarmouk Camp in Damascus, have been taking refuge in Qudsaya town.



Palestinians of Syria: November 25, 2016 Statistics:

- There are 15,500 Palestinian-Syrian refugees in Jordan.
- 42,500 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are in Lebanon.
- 6,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are sheltered in Egypt, according to UNRWA figures covering the period from July 2015 backwards.
- 8,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees are taking shelter in Turkey.
- 1,000 Palestinian-Syrian refugees reside in the blockaded Gaza Strip.
- Over 79,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees fled to Europe until mid 2016.
- Yarmouk refugee camp has been blockaded by the Syrian regime army and Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine General

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Command (PFLP-GC) for 1,256 days in a row. Electricity and water supplies have been cut off, respectively, for 1,315 days and 776 days. The number of those killed due to the blockade has hit 190.

- Sbiena refugee camp: Refugees could not go back to their homes as a result of the blockade slapped by the Syrian regime forces since 1,109 days running.
- Handarat refugee camp: All refugees left the camp since 1,301 days after opposition outfits grabbed hold of the area.
- Deraa refugee camp: Water has been cut off for 959 consecutive days while 70% of its buildings have been knocked down.
- Homs camp, Hama camp, Jaramana camp, al-Sayda Zeinab camp, Al-Raml camp: A of State of relative calm has been reported in the abovementioned areas. However, economic crises have been on the rise.
- Khan al-Sheih refugee camp: All access roads out of and into the camp have been closed off by the Syrian regime army for 58 days running.