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## الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"AGPS: 533 Palestinians Tortured to Death in Syrian Dungeons"

- Syrian Gov't Forces Block Access of Palestinians into Southern Damascus
- Husam AlDeen Hasan, released by Tahrir AlSham Commission in Idlib
- Food Baskets Distributed to Victims of Forced Deportation in Deir Ballout Camp



## **Latest Developments**

AGPS documented the death of 533 Palestinian refugees and thousands of Syrian nationals under torture in Syrian government lock-ups, including women, children, and elderly civilians.

Recently, the Syrian government announced the death of 50 Palestinians under torture in its penitentiaries.

Thousands of Palestinian refugees have been enduring a mysterious fate in Syrian jails, where cases of torture and mistreatment have been reported on a daily basis.



AGPS kept record of the incarceration of 1,682 Palestinians in Syrian government jails, among them 106 women and girls, along with dozens of minors.

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 and to release the bodies of those tortured to death.

The Syrian government should immediately cease all forms of brutal torture against Palestinian detainees and launch fact-finding probes to prosecute those involved in human rights violations and fatal torture.

AGPS urges the Syrian government and the other warring parties to preserve the body remains of the victims of torture and uphold evidence documenting the detainees' fate and those involved in their tragic demise.

Meanwhile, reporting from Damascus, AGPS correspondent said Syrian government troops have banned Palestinian refugees from entering Yalda, Babilla, and Beit Sahem towns, south of Damascus.





Dozens of Palestinian residents of Yarmouk Camp attempted to reach southern Damascus via the Sidi Miqdad checkpoint. However, they were forced out of the bus and told: "You're Palestinians. You're not allowed in."

Sometime earlier, the Syrian government forces stipulated that in order for Palestinian residents of Yarmouk Camp who have been taking shelter in the towns of Yalda, Babila, and Beit Sahem to gain access to Damascus a formal consent should be issued to that very end.

Activists said that such a prerequisite has been enforced prior to the government's recapture of southern Damascus and maintained even following the retreat of the opposition outfits.

Thousands of Palestinians taking refuge in Yarmouk Camp fled to southern Damascus in the hunt for a safer shelter. However, they have been subjected to calamitous living conditions.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Husam AlDeen Hasan Abdullah Hasan, from AlSayeda Zeinab Camp, was released by Tahrir AlSham Commission a couple of days ago, after he had been held captive for three weeks.

Hasan, aged 33, was kidnapped by Tahrir AlSham gunmen on July 7 from Harem area over allegations of entering Idlib via Erbil.

Days ago, Husam's mother appealed for releasing her son, whom she said was heading for Idlib in an attempt to reach Turkey, on way to Europe.



## **Civil Action**

The Commission of Palestinians of Syria for Relief and Development north of Syria handed over 900 food baskets to families who were displaced from Yarmouk and southern Damascus and have been taking shelter in and near the Deir Ballout refugee camp.

Recently, the commission equipped an ambulance in Deir Ballout so as to provide displaced Palestinian and Syrian families north of Syria with life-saving health services.

