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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"237 Palestinian Residents of AlAyedeen Camp in Homs Forcibly Disappeared in Syrian Jails"

- Thousands of Palestinian Families from Syria Torn Apart
- Unemployment Rates Reach Zenith among Palestinians in Syria
- Palestinian Refugee Snatches 1st Place in Lebanon Bodybuilding Championship

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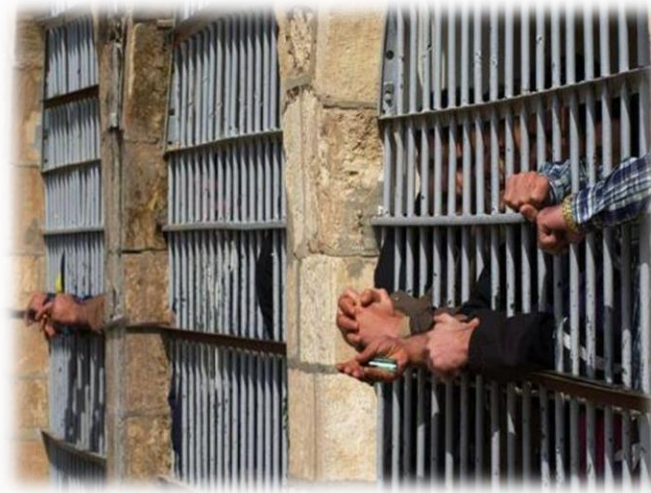
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Latest Developments

AGPS documented the incarceration of 237 Palestinian refugees, including 10 women, taking shelter in AlAyedeen Camp, in Homs, in Syria's state run dungeons since the outburst of the bloody conflict.

Field reporters believe the real numbers to be far higher due to the government's reticence to reveal the names and fates of Palestinian detainees' and the families' fears to disclose their relatives' names over retaliation concerns.

AGPS documented the death of over 600 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government prisons since the outburst of the bloody warfare.



According to data by AGPS, 1,759 Palestinian refugees, among them children, women and elderly refugees, have been enduring unknown fates in Syrian government lock-ups. Toddlers clinging to their mothers' arms have also been spotted in Syrian jails.

According to affidavits by ex-detainees, Palestinian refugees have been subjected to harsh psycho-physical torture tactics in Syrian



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penitentiaries, including electric shocks, heavy beating using iron sticks, and sexual abuse.

AGPS continues to urge the Syrian authorities to disclose the condition and whereabouts of Palestinian refugees held in its penitentiaries.

AGPS believes that such practices represent flagrant violations of international law, which criminalizes all forms of torture and mistreatment against civilians.

Meanwhile, thousands of Palestinian refugees from Syria have been scattered in known and unknown destinations, after they were forced out of their homes and torn apart from their families.

Torn from the nourishment of home and warmth of family, Palestinians have been scattered across such destinations as Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, and Europe. Hundreds have become internally displaced across the war-ravaged Syrian territories.

The situation has gone downhill after most of the world's countries opted for a closed-door immigration policy vis-à-vis the Palestinian refugee community from Syria.

Hundreds have embarked on life-threatening journeys onboard the death-boats to Europe or to neighboring countries, searching for safe shelters and sources of incomes.

Those who have returned to the Syrian territories have been subjected to arbitrary crackdowns and forced conscription with pro-government battalions.



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At the same time, Palestinian refugees who remained in Syria have been grappling with simmering unemployment rates. Hundreds have lost their jobs in the warfare and hundreds more have been wondering in the streets as they rummaged around for livelihoods to feed their starved families.



Most of Palestinian families in Syria have depended on UNRWA's aids as they struggled for survival in the embattled Syrian territories.

However, the refugees' needs far outlive the cash/in-kind aids sporadically handed over to them by UNRWA, among a handful of other relief institutions operating in the Syrian territories.

In another development, Palestinian refugee from Syria Ashraf Mohamed Ali, formerly sheltered in Khan Eshieh Camp, earned the first place at a bodybuilding contest staged in southern Lebanon.

Ashraf was a former player with the Syrian Bodybuilding Federation. He earned several awards in national and international contests.



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Scores of Palestinian refugees from Syria secured the first seats in competitions held in Lebanon. Such was the case of Ahmad Mousa, from AlSabina Camp, who came third in a swimming race of 1,000 yards staged by the Sidon municipality. Palestinian refugees from Syria Amjad Saleh and Ibrahim Taleb, also residents of AlSabina Camp, won the fourth and fifth ranks in the same contest.

