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## الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"Over 600 Palestinian Refugees Tortured to Death in Syrian Prisons"

- Rallies Held in Palestinian Refugees Camps in Syria over US-Led Bahrain Workshop
- Poisonous Reptiles Swamp Daraa Camp for Palestinian Refugees
- Son of Fatah Leader Enduring Mysterious fate in Syrian Gov't Jail



## **Latest Developments**

AGPS documented the death of 606 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government prisons since the outburst of the bloody warfare.

80 Palestinian refugees from Syria were pronounced dead in 2018 alone, up from 13 refugees in 2017. 77 victims were identified through pictures leaked from Syrian state prisons.

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.



The list of victims includes activists, volunteers, medics, engineers, academics, journalists, university students, and artists.

According to data by AGPS, 1,758 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



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.

In another development, hundreds of Palestinian refugees took to the streets in Khan Dannun and Jaramana refugee camps, in Rif Dimashq, protesting the US President Donald Trump's "Mideast peace deal", known as the "deal of the century", and the White House-led economic workshop in Bahrain.



The refugees stressed Palestinians' commitment to their right of return to their motherland and lifted banners condemning the US-Israeli attempts to wipe out Palestinians' land and rights.

The US-led workshop, which will be held in Bahrain's capital, Manama, on June 25-26, has drawn criticism from the Palestinians who say US President Donald Trump's peace plan is likely to be



heavily weighed in favor of Israel and quash their aspirations for statehood in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Meanwhile, residents of Daraa Camp for Palestinian refugees continue to rail against the propagation of rodents, reptiles, and insects across the alleyways of the camp, particularly in unreconstructed areas.

The residents called on the concerned authorities and UNRWA to make serious steps in order to remove debris and spray insecticides in order to repel snakes and scorpions.

Over 600 Palestinian families who returned to Daraa Camp have been subjected to dire socio-economic conditions as a result of the fallouts of the military operation launched by the Syrian government forces in mid-June 2018 using internationally-prohibited weapons in an attempt to recapture the area. 80% of civilian homes and property were destroyed.

In the meantime, Palestinian refugee Mohamed Hasan Abu Shanar has been enduring a mysterious fate in Syrian government prisons since October 27, 2012.





The detainee, a resident of AlTadhamun neighborhood in Damascus and the father of three children, is the son of slain Hasan Abu Shanar, a prominent Fatah leader.

AGPS documented the secret incarceration of 1,758 Palestinian refugees in Syrian state prisons, among them women, children, and elderly civilians.