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الخاص بأوضاع اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في سورية

Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"3,840 Palestinian Refugees Killed in Syria Since 2011"

- Palestinian Resident of Yarmouk Camp Tortured to Death in Syrian Jails
- Hamoud: Palestinian Refugees Outside of Syria Face Deadly Threats Upon Return to War-Torn Syria
- Residents of AlHusainiya Camp Denounce Illegal Weapons Possession by Pro-Government Militias



Victims

Palestinian refugee Alaa AlDeen Jamal Mahmoud, aged 40, died under torture in Syrian government dungeons, where he had been held for seven years.

The casualty, a former civil servant and resident of Yarmouk Camp, was kidnapped by the government forces from Aleppo and transferred to a detention center in Damascus.



Latest Developments

AGPS documented the death of 3,840 Palestinian refugees, among them 478 women and girls, due to war-related incidents in Syria.

Yarmouk Camp topped the list with 1,398 victims, followed by Daraa Camp with 261 victims. At the same time, 200 died from Khan Eshieh Camp, 167 from AlNeirab Camp, 122 from AlHusainiya Camp.

1,508 victims have been identified as residents of Palestinian camps and communities across the Syrian territories. 183 casualties took shelter in unknown locations.



1,198 Palestinians died under shelling in the raging warfare; 1,037 were fatally gunned down; 534 others were tortured to death in Syrian penitentiaries.



Dozens of Palestinian refugees have had their limbs amputated; other lost vision in the raging warfare.

AGPS also kept record of the incarceration of 1,682 Palestinian refugees in Syrian government prisons, where they have been enduring mysterious fates.

Meanwhile, researcher in refugee affairs, Tareq Hamoud, said that just a small number of Palestinian and Syrian refugees who have sought shelter outside of Syria can safely regain access to the country.

Speaking with Arabi 21, Hamoud said thousands of Palestinians and Syrians cannot safely return to Syria due to the crackdowns and abduction sweeps launched by the government forces. Scores of refugees who have had their identity documents expired could not renew them as they took refuge outside of the Syrian territories.

AGPS member Mahmoud Zaghmout also said the return of refugees to Syria is a process fraught with much danger.



He told Arabi 21 that refugee camps in Syria, particularly Yarmouk, risk to go dismantled or to have their geographical area reduced. As a result, only a small number of refugees can be re-sheltered in the camp.

Zaghmout added that the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) has opened up the registration process for Palestinian refugees who seek to return to Syria. Those interested have been called to sign up at the Palestine Embassy in Lebanon.

The researcher warned of the absence of safety guarantees and practical mechanisms to ease the refugees' access into their camps and communities.

In the meantime, residents of AlHusainiya Camp for Palestinian refugees in Rif Dimashq strongly condemned the uncontrolled possession of weapons by pro-government gunmen.

In a letter emailed to AGPS, a resident of AlHusainiya said militias have been unleashing barrages of gunfire during celebrations or wedding parties held in the camp, resulting in injuries among civilians.





A couple of days earlier, a gunman fired gunshots in the air, wounding young man Mohamed Husain in his eyes. The latter was evacuated to a hospital for urgent treatment.

The residents slammed such "irresponsible acts", calling for disarming the camp and defending civilians against the hazardous circulation of arms.