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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



"21 Palestinian Refugees Tortured to Death in Syrian Gov't Jails since Start of 2019"

- AGPS Sounds Alarm over Poor Education Services in Syria's Daraa Camp for Palestinian Refugees
- AlSabina Camp for Palestinian Refugees Gripped with Insect Propagation
- Heavy Criticism Leveled at AFAD over Absence of Much-Needed Humanitarian Aid North of Syria
- Iftar Meals Prepared for Displaced Palestinian Families in Turkey



Latest Developments

AGPS documented the death of 21 Palestinian refugees under torture in Syrian government prisons since early 2019 until May 28.

The list includes 11 refugees who were pronounced dead in April, six in February, three in May and another in January.

AGPS kept record of the death of 605 Palestinian refugees, including 34 women and girls, under torture in Syrian government prisons since the outburst of the bloody warfare.



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, more than 1,750 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 believes that such practices represent flagrant violations of international law which criminalizes all forms of torture and mistreatment against civilians.

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

In another development, AGPS documented a sharp nosedive in access to education for Palestinians sheltered in Daraa refugee camp, south of Syria.

According to a recent report by AGPS, all of Daraa's schools have been destroyed or put out of operation in the raging warfare as a result of heavy shelling using missiles and barrel bombs. A number of education facilities have also been turned into prisons or field hospitals, imperiling Palestinians' academic careers.

At the same time, dozens of Palestinian teaching staff members have been arrested and sent to jail.

AGPS continues to appeal to the Palestine Liberation Organization and UNRWA, among all concerned institutions, to urgently step in



and work on reconstructing destroyed schools, providing civilians with the needed psycho-physical protection, and boosting children's access to education in Daraa.

Upon more than one occasion, UNRWA has raised alarm bells over the striking upsurge in the rate of school dropouts among the Palestinians of Syria, several among whom have left schools to help feeding their impoverished families in unemployment-stricken refugee camps.

Download the full version of the report here:

http://www.actionpal.org.uk/ar/post/11773

Meanwhile, residents of AlSabina Camp for Palestinian refugees, in Rif Dimashq, continue to rail against the swift spread of mosquitoes and insects at their homes, saying they have been forced to leave their doors and windows shut for fear of viral infections and viruses contaminating their children's vulnerable bodies.





The residents lashed at out at the municipal staff for dragging their feet over civilians' appeals to spray insecticides, calling on UNRWA and the Syrian authorities to take an urgent action in response.

Palestinian refugee families taking shelter in AlSabina Camp in Rif Dimashq have sounded distress signals over the poor infrastructure, water and power outages, along with the absence of health care and transportation services in the area.

The residents also continue to speak out against the mounds of debris piled up at the main entrances to the camp. The swift price leap along with the high rates of unemployment and poverty have added fuel to fire.

Along the same line, the Commission of Palestinians of Syria for Relief and Development slammed the Turkish Authority of Disaster and Emergency Management (AFAD) for preventing displaced Palestinian and Syrian families taking shelter in Der Ballout and AlMuhammadiya refugee camps, north of Syria, from relief aids and in-kind items donated during Ramadan month.





The commission said in a Facebook statement that AFAD staff required that the commission obtain a new license and work under AFAD's umbrella, which it rejected.

In the meantime, Khayra Ummah charity, in cooperation with the Islamic Association for the Relief of Orphans and Needy People, prepared, on May 26, fast-breaking meals for Palestinian and Syrian families seeking refuge in the Turkish city of Esenyurt.

Over 600 persons joined the event, which makes part of underway attempts to assuage the calamitous conditions endured by hundreds of displaced families from war-torn Syria.

Unofficial statistics indicate that 8,000 Palestinians from Syria have sought shelter in Turkey, where they have been facing dire socio-economic conditions and denied access to the local labor market.

Turkish embassies continue to prevent Palestinian refugees from Syria from obtaining visas. As a result, hundreds of Palestinians have embarked on life-threatening journeys via illegal immigration roads to reach Turkey, fleeing war-tattered Syria, among other war-stricken zones.