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Daily report on the situation of Palestinian refugees in Syria



**"Dozens of Palestinian Journalists Killed, Arrested in War-Torn Syria"**

- Palestinians Refugees Severely Affected by Syria War
- Water Crisis ongoing in Khan Eshieh Camp
- Charcoal Distributed in Northern Syria Displacement Camp
- Hygiene Packs Distributed in Latakia Camp

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## Latest Developments

In data released on the Day of Solidarity with Palestinian Journalists, marked on December 31, AGPS said it has kept record of the death and abduction of several Palestinian journalists in war-torn Syria.

At least 18 Palestinian journalists were killed since the outburst of deadly hostilities in March 2011, among them academics and volunteers. The casualties died while covering scenes on the battleground or while providing civilians with relief assistance across the ravaged Syrian territories.

Facts on the ground prove that the number of casualties is much higher. Difficulties in documentation stem from the absence of official statistics, lack of concern as regards the number of Palestinian casualties, journalists in particular, and the intricacy of the name-identification process.

The list includes nine journalists who died under shelling, five who were tortured to death, and four others who were fatally shot.

Scores of activists, journalists, and correspondents have, meanwhile, been secretly locked up in Syrian government dungeons for years.

AGPS continues to denounce the apathy maintained by the international community and Palestinian leadership as regards the extrajudicial killing, harsh torture, and arbitrary detention of Palestinian journalists and activists in war-ravaged Syria.



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Along similar lines, after ten years of conflict, Palestine refugees continue to be one of the most vulnerable groups in Syria with immense humanitarian needs.

Palestinian refugees in Syria (PRS) continue to launch cries for help over their deteriorating humanitarian condition due to the sharp decrease in the exchange rate of the Syrian pound compared to the USD and their lack of access to the local labor market. The price leap has also overburdened the cash-stripped refugees. House rents have also seen a striking hike from previous years.

The refugees continue to urge UNRWA and all other concerned parties to increase financial aid, help the displaced families return to their refugee camps, and provide much-needed relief services for Palestine refugees.

Scores of Palestinian refugees have been chased down, arrested, and/or subjected to extra-judicial executions over political grounds.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) said in its 2020 Syria regional crisis emergency appeal that 126,000 Palestine refugees in Syria (PRS) are identified as extremely vulnerable; 89% live in poverty; 91% live in extreme poverty; and 80% rely on UNRWA cash assistance as their main source of income.

UNRWA also said that 55% of PRS do not possess valid legal residency documents; 100% of PRS are in need of winterization assistance; and 86% of PRS households are reported to be in debt.





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The majority of Palestinians sheltered in displacement camps set up across the Syrian territories have remained at bay from political calculations and frequently refused attempts by all warring parties to drag them into the raging warfare, saying their priority is to secure safe shelters for their children and families pending a just and lasting solution to their refugee plight and return to their motherland—Palestine.

Meanwhile, Palestinian families taking refuge in Khan Eshieh camp, in Rif Dimashq, said water has been cut off across residential neighborhoods for several days.

The residents have warned of the repercussions of the water crisis on their children's health condition in light of the global propagation of the COVID-19 pandemic.

An AGPS reporter said most of the families sheltered in the camp are cash-stripped and cannot afford to buy drinking water from privately-owned tanks.

Palestinian families continue to appeal to UNRWA and the concerned authorities to take urgent action regarding the alarming humanitarian condition in the camp.

Meanwhile, the Melhem volunteer group distributed on Wednesday charcoal to Palestinian and Syrian families in Deir Ballout and Muhammadiya camps, in northern Syria.

Hundreds of Palestinian and Syrian families who have been forcibly deported to northern Syria have been grappling with an



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abject humanitarian situation as most of them have been taking cover in underequipped tents and denied access to vital facilities and services.

At the same time, the Palestinian Red Crescent, in cooperation with the Danish Red Cross, distributed hygiene packs and school furniture to the residents of AlRaml Camp for Palestinian refugees in Latakia.

Residents of AlRaml Camp in Latakia continue to sound distress signals over the dire conditions they have been made to endure in the area owing to the poor infrastructure, absence of vital services, and price leap.

The residents said their life has been marred by the transportation crisis, frequent power/water outages, and the poor healthcare services.