



who will wipe away their tears?

**A call to end violence against children
in Israel and Palestine**

A special World Vision report

This booklet is dedicated to the memory of Tha'er, Smadar, Christine and all children, Palestinian and Israeli, who have died or suffered violence in the Holy Land.

“Speak out for those who cannot speak” — Proverbs 31:8

Introduction

Children are the principal hope for a better future for Palestinians and Israelis alike. They continually remind us all to work for a better tomorrow for every child in this land. Children are also a primary reason that World Vision serves in Israel/Palestine. Our hearts are broken by the fear and suffering from the violence that all children here are facing.

Tha'er, Smadar and Christine (see stories overleaf) were three children of God whose lives were tragically cut short by violence. World Vision has expressed condolences to their families. We can never assuage their grief, but we promised them we would carry on in the work for a more just, secure and peaceful future.

World Vision publishes this booklet as a way to speak healing into the tragedy of these deaths, and to inspire a fresh wave of advocacy on behalf of the children of the Holy Land. Will you join us?

While the violent deaths of adults are no less tragic, we want to remind people that from its beginning, this political violence has claimed children. These pages name each Israeli and Palestinian child (defined as under 18) who has been killed since the current crisis began in September 2000. This information is drawn from credible Israeli and Palestinian sources, such as B'Tselem Israeli Information Centre for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories, and the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights. Horrifically, many of the killings appear to have deliberately targeted children. At the time of writing, the total number of child deaths stands at 455 Palestinians and 94 Israelis; sadly, since the publication of this booklet more children will almost certainly have been killed.

It is too late to wipe away the tears of the many children who have died. But we urge readers to grasp the present critical opportunity to bring hope and consolation to the children who are living in fear, deprivation and pain—to hold them close and wipe away their tears—by joining our hearts, hands and voices together to end the cycle of violence.

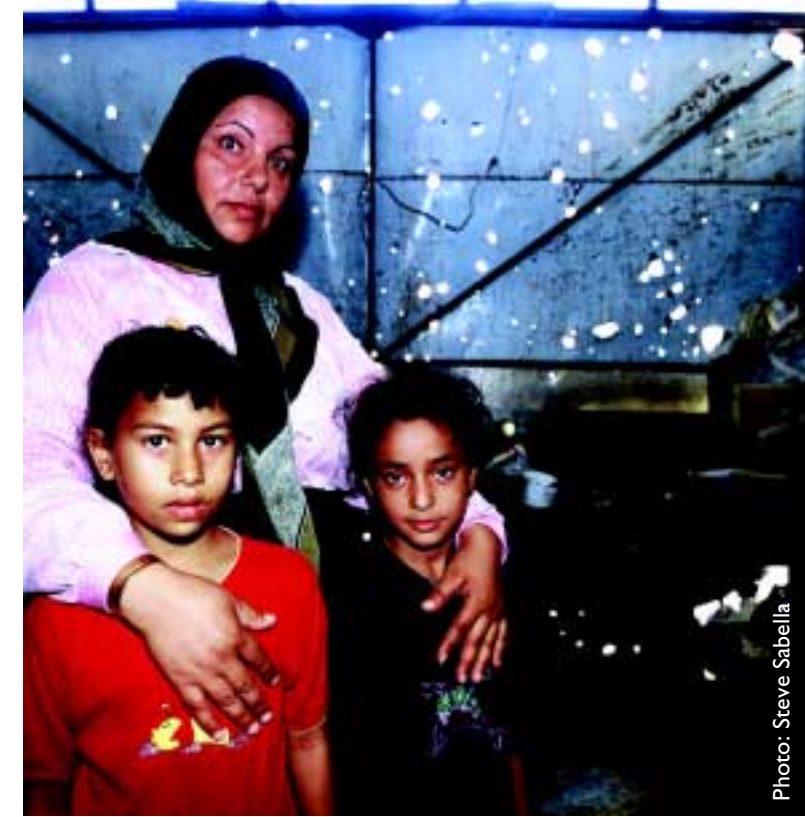


Photo: Steve Sabella

A PALESTINIAN WOMAN and two girls stand in the shelled remains of the kitchen of their home-based fast food restaurant in Rafah, southern Gaza. The home was shelled during heavy clashes between Palestinians and a nearby Israeli military post. During the first week of March 2003, Israeli military forces killed dozens of Palestinians (including nine children) and injured over 250, mostly civilians living in refugee camps. Dozens of homes and shops were destroyed, leaving families on the streets—refugees of their 'refuge'. In that same week, nine Israeli children were killed in a bus bombing in Haifa.

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Tha'er Al Howt

Going to school after a night of an intense military invasion into your neighbourhood is unheard of—except somewhere like Rafah, on the southern part of the border between the Gaza Strip and Egypt. That was what Tha'er was doing the morning he was killed. When Tha'er, a 13-year-old World Vision sponsored child from a Muslim family, and his schoolmates discovered that their Rafah A Prep School was closed after the heavy night of shelling on October 9, 2002, he and a friend turned back for home. On their way back there was another round of firing on the city by soldiers in their Israeli Merkava battle tank. Tha'er was shot in the right eye and killed instantly.

Just months earlier, World Vision staff had helped Tha'er to recover from an injury from military gunfire. He once told us, "I want to be able to do things that kids my age do in other countries. I would like to feel safe rather than feeling pain and seeing destruction." What could we say to him? What do we say to his grieving parents now? When we paid our condolences we told them we would do all we could to honour Tha'er's wish, so that his and other children's deaths would not be in vain.



Christine Sa'adeh

In Bethlehem on March 25, 2003, Christine was killed after an Israeli undercover unit opened fire on her family's car. Her father, mother and sister were all injured. Christine, who was 12 years old when she died, is remembered as an "angel" by her father George, the principal of the Christian Greek Orthodox School in Beit Sahour—a World Vision project that has 200 sponsored children. Several weeks after her death, he remarked, "As a Christian Palestinian living in the place where the Prince of Peace was born, I want the world to know that it is by faith alone that I can forgive the people that killed Christine. What my family and I most desire is to live in peace with our Israeli neighbours."

In her poem titled *My Country* Christine wrote: "My country, overwhelmed with woes, why should your innocent children pay for the sins of the grown-ups?" Her tragic death poignantly highlights the answer to her question: they shouldn't.

Smadar Elhanan

Smadar, a Jewish girl whose name means 'blossom of the flower' in Hebrew, was one week away from turning 14 when she and her best friend were killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber in Jerusalem on September 4, 1997. She was shopping for a gift for a friend when a young Palestinian blew himself up on Ben Yehuda Street in crowded central Jerusalem.

Her parents, Rami and Nurit, are members of the Parents Circle Family Forum, a group of grieving Israeli and Palestinian families who support reconciliation and peace. Rami explained to us that the burden he has chosen to carry is to work day by day to end the cycle of revenge and killing. He hopes the day will come when no other family, Israeli or Palestinian, will experience the loss that he has.



September 2000

The name, age, home town and cause of death of each child who has been killed in the violence that began in September 2000 are listed on this and following pages.

October 2000

"It takes so little to kill a child and so much to keep her alive."

— Dr Nurit Peled-Elhanan, mother of Smadar Elhanan who was 13 when killed in a September 1997 suicide bombing in Jerusalem

September 2000

- 30 NIZAR AIDA, 16**, of Ramallah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- HALED BAZYAN, 15**, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- MUHAMMAD AL-DURRAH, 12**, of Bureij camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to abdomen and chest.

October 2000

- 1 MUHAMMAD DAWOOD, 15**, of el-Bireh, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- SARA HASSAN, 18 months**, of Nablus, killed in car by Israeli settler gunfire to head.
- SAMER TABANJA, 10**, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces helicopter gunfire to head.
- SAMI TARAMSI, 17**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 2 WAEL QATTAWI, 16**, of Balata camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- MUHAMMAD SAJDI, 17**, of Jericho, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to abdomen.
- 3 HUSAM HAMSHARI, 16**, of Tulkarm, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- AMMAR RIFAI, 17**, of Maghazi camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 4 MUHAMMAD ABU ASI, 9**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- 6 MAJDI MISILMANI, 15**, of Beit Hanina, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to heart.
- MUHAMMAD TAMMAM, 17**, of Tulkarm, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- 8 YUSIF KHALAF, 17**, of Rafah camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 11 SAMI SILMI, 17**, of Tulkarm, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- 12 SAMI ABU JAZAR, 12**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 14 ALA AHMAD, 10**, of Nablus, died of burst appendix after Israeli army denied access to hospital.



October 2000

October 2000

- 16** **MUAYAD ABU JAWARISH, 14**, Aida camp, Bethlehem, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 20** **SAMER AWAIISI, 15**, of Qalqilya, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to upper body.
- ALA BANI NIMRA, 13**, of Salfit, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- MUHAMMAD ABU TAHUN, 17**, of Tulkarm, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest and neck
- 21** **MAJID HAWAMDEH, 15**, of el-Bireh, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- OMAR IBHEISI, 16**, of Deir el-Balah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to upper body.
- 22** **Wael EMAD, 16**, of Jabalyah camp, killed by Israeli forces rubber coated bullet to head.
- SALAH NIJMI, 15**, of Maghazi camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to heart.
- 23** **ASHRAF HABAYEB, 15**, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 24** **NIDAL DBEIKI, 17**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire (fragmenting bullet) to abdomen.
- IYYAD SHATH, 14**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces rubber coated bullet to head.
- 26** **ALA JAWABRA, 14**, of Hebron, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 27** **BASHIR SHALAWIT (deaf), 16**, of Qalqilya, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to abdomen.
- 29** **HUSNI NAJJAR, 14**, of Rafah camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.

November 2000

- 1** **MUHAMMAD HAJJAJ, 15**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- IBRAHIM OMAR, 15**, of Shati camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- AHMAD ABU TAYEH, 13**, of Shati camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 2** **KHALED KHATIB, 17**, of Jerusalem, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- 3** **RAMI ABDEL-FATTAH, 15**, of Jerusalem, killed by Israeli forces gunfire (fragmenting bullet) to upper body.

November 2000

November 2000

- 5** **MAHER SAIDI, 16**, of Bureij camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 6** **WAJDI HATTAB, 13**, of Tulkarm, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- MUHAMMAD JAZAR, 16**, of Rafah camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- MUHAMMAD TABAN, 17**, of Deir el-Balah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to back.
- 7** **AHMAD KHUFFASH, 7**, of Salfit, hit by a car driven by Israeli settlers.
- 8** **FARES AUDEH, 16**, of Hebron, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to upper body.
- RAED DAWOOD, 14**, of Salfit, killed by Israeli forces gunfire (fragmenting bullet) to pelvis.
- MUHAMMAD ABU GHALI, 15**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- IBRAHIM QASSAS, 17**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- KHALIL ABU SAAD, 15**, of Shati camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- KHALED ABU ZAHRA, 17**, of Nur Shams camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to upper body.
- 10** **USAMA AZOUKA, 14**, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to upper body.
- USAMA JIRJAWI, 17**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- 11** **MUSA DIBS, 15**, of Jabliyah camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- 12** **MAHMOUD ABU NAJI, 16**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces sniper fire to chest.
- 13** **YAHYA ABU SHAMALAH, 17**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces sniper fire to back and heart.
- 14** **MUHAMMAD AJLA, 13**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- SABER BARASH, 15**, of Amari camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to upper body.
- 15** **AHMAD BASAL, 13**, of Deir el-Balah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to heart and back.
- JADOU ABU IQBASH, 16**, of Hebron, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- IBRAHIM JEIDI, 15**, of Qalqilya, killed by Israeli forces gunfire (fragmenting bullet) to upper body.
- MUHAMMAD SHURAFI, 17**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- JIHAD ABU SHAHMEH, 11**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.

In Israel in 2000, the number of poor children reached 480,000—that is, one out of every four children lived below the poverty line. The proportion of poor children in the Jewish population reached 19.5%, and among the Arabs 37.7%—more than one-third.

— Joseph Algazy, 'Children are subject to the law but not protected by it', *Ha'aretz*, June 10, 2003

November 2000



November 2000

November 2000

January 2001

January 2001

Defence for Children International/Palestine Section estimates that children comprise 10–15% of all detainees—between 250 and 375 children.

— DCI/PS, 'Hundreds of Palestinian Children Arrested in Last Twelve Days', April 19, 2002

- 17** **MUHAMMAD ABU RAYAN, 16**, of Halhoul, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to face.
- 19** **ABDUL RAHMAN DAHSHAN, 14**, Maghazi camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- 20** **IBRAHIM OTHMAN, 16**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to upper body.
- 21** **YASSER ABDUL RAHIM, 16**, of Tulkarm, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- 22** **IBRAHIM MOQANAN, 15**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 23** **MARAM HASSOUNA, 3**, of el-Bireh, died of asphyxiation after inhaling Israeli forces tear gas.
- 24** **MAJDI ABED, 15**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 25** **ABDUL MINEM IZZIDIN, 17**, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 28** **KARAM KURD, 14**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 29** **MUHAMMAD MASHRAWI, 14**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 30** **WAEI BADAN, 17**, of Bethlehem, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to upper body.
- SHADI ZAGHOUL, 14**, of Husan, hit by a car driven by Israeli settler and left to bleed to death.

- 17** **OPHIR RAHUM, 16**, of Ashkelon, killed by 15 bullets throughout the body from Palestinian civilian gunfire.

- 7** **OBEISI, infant girl**, of Nablus, died because Israeli forces denied mother access to medical care.
- 14** **OMAR KHALED, 10**, from el-Bireh, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 21** **MUHAMMAD SHARIF, 16**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- 24** **SAFWAT QISHTA, 16**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.

February 2001

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March 2001

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- 26** **SHALHEVET PASS, 10 months**, of Hebron, killed by Palestinian sniper gunfire to the head.
- 28** **NAFTALI LANZKORN, 13**, of Petah Tikva, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.
- ELIRAN ROSENBERG-ZAYAT, 15**, of Givat Shmuel, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.

- 9** **AHMAD ABU HULI, 16**, of Deir el-Balah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to abdomen.
- 13** **BILAL RAMADAN, 14**, of Bureij camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- 26** **HUSAM DEESI, 15**, of Qalandiya, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to various parts of the body.

December 2000

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- 1** **MUHAMMAD ARJA, 12**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli sniper fire to neck.
- 5** **RAMZI BAYATNAH, 15**, of Ramallah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 8** **AMMAR MASHNI, 16**, of Jerusalem, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- MUTAZ TEILAKH, 16**, of Ramallah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 9** **SALIM HAMEIDA, 13**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 11** **AHMAD QAWASMI, 14**, of Hebron, killed by Israeli forces (point blank) gunshot to head.
- 15** **MUHAMMAD DAWOOD, 16**, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to upper body.
- 20** **HANI SUFI, 14**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to upper body.
- 22** **ARAFAT JABARIN, 16**, of Hebron, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 31** **MUNTHAR ABU WAHDAN, 13**, of Hebron, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.

- 2** **UBAY DARRAJ, 9**, of el-Bireh, killed by Israeli forces or settler gunfire to chest.
- MUHAMMAD HELLIS, 13**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to upper body.
- 17** **MURTAJA AMER, 17**, of Qalqilya, killed by Israeli forces rubber coated bullet to head.
- MUHAMMAD NASSER, 10**, of Jerusalem, killed by Israeli settlers with stones or sharp implements.
- 23** **ISRAA AHMAD, 11**, of Nablus, died after being delayed from reaching hospital at Israeli checkpoint.
- 27** **MAHMOUD DARAWEEH, 14**, of Hebron, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- 28** **YEHYA EID, 12**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces exploding mine/shell lacerating his abdomen.
- 29** **MAHMOUD ABU SHEHADEH, 15**, Jabalyah camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to upper body.
- 30** **AHMAD MARAHIL, 16**, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to abdomen.



April 2001

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June 2001

June 2001

“Protect children from war: Children must be protected from the horrors of armed conflict. Children under foreign occupation must also be protected, in accordance with the provisions of international humanitarian law.”

— *A World Fit for Children*, UN General Assembly Resolution S-27/2, Special Session for Children

- 1** **LUAY TAMIMI, 11**, of Ramallah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 5** **AHMAD ATTAR, 15**, of Deir el-Balah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- 11** **MAHMOUD BARAKAT, 15**, of Shati camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 12** **SHAWQAT ALAMI, 14**, of Hebron, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to neck.
- 17** **RAMI GHARIB, 16**, of El-Khader, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
BARAA SHAER, 10, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
HAMZA UBEID, 14, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces explosive bullet to chest.
- 23** **MUHANNAD MUHAREB, 14**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 30** **MALAK BARAKAT, 3**, of Ramallah, killed by an explosion most likely caused by Israeli forces.
SHAHID BARAKAT, 7, of Ramallah, killed by an explosion most likely caused by Israeli forces.

May 2001

- 5** **IMAN HAJJO, 4 months**, Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces artillery shrapnel to back, head; severed limbs.
- 8** **HASHEM MAMLOUK, 17**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 11** **HUSAM TAFESH, 16**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to waist, heart.
- 15** **MUHAMMAD ABU JASER, 17**, of Jabalyah camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to upper body.
- 16** **MUHAMMAD SALIM, 14**, of Bureij camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire or sniper fire to back, abdomen.
- 24** **ALA BUJI, 15**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to heart.
- 31** **KHALIL AFANA, 13**, of Gaza, killed by shrapnel when Israeli forces blew up his home on May 30.
AHMAD ABU HILU, 17, of Hizma, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head, right eye.

- 1** **MARINA BOROKOVSKY, 17**, of Tel Aviv, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber outside a disco.
- ILYA GUTMAN, 14**, of Bat Yam, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber outside a disco.
- KATHERINE KASTANIYADA-TALKIR, 15**, Ramat Gan, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber outside a disco.
- ANYA KAZACHKOV, 16**, of Holon, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber outside a disco.
- MARIANA MADBANEKO, 16**, of Tel Aviv, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber outside a disco.
- IRINA NEFMINIYASHACHI, 16**, of Bat Yam, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber outside a disco.
- YULIA NELIMOV, 16**, of Tel Aviv, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber outside a disco.
- RAISA NIMROVSKY, 15**, of Netanya, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber outside a disco.
- LIANA SAKIYAN, 16**, of Tel Aviv, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber outside a disco.
- MARIA TAGILCHEV, 14**, of Netanya, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber outside a disco.
- 3** **Yael-Yulia Skalanic, 15**, of Holon, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber outside a disco.
- 11** **YEHUDA SHOHAM, 5 months**, of Shilo, killed by a stone thrown by a Palestinian civilian.
- 19** **YEVGENIA DORFMAN, 15**, of Bat Yam, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber outside a disco.

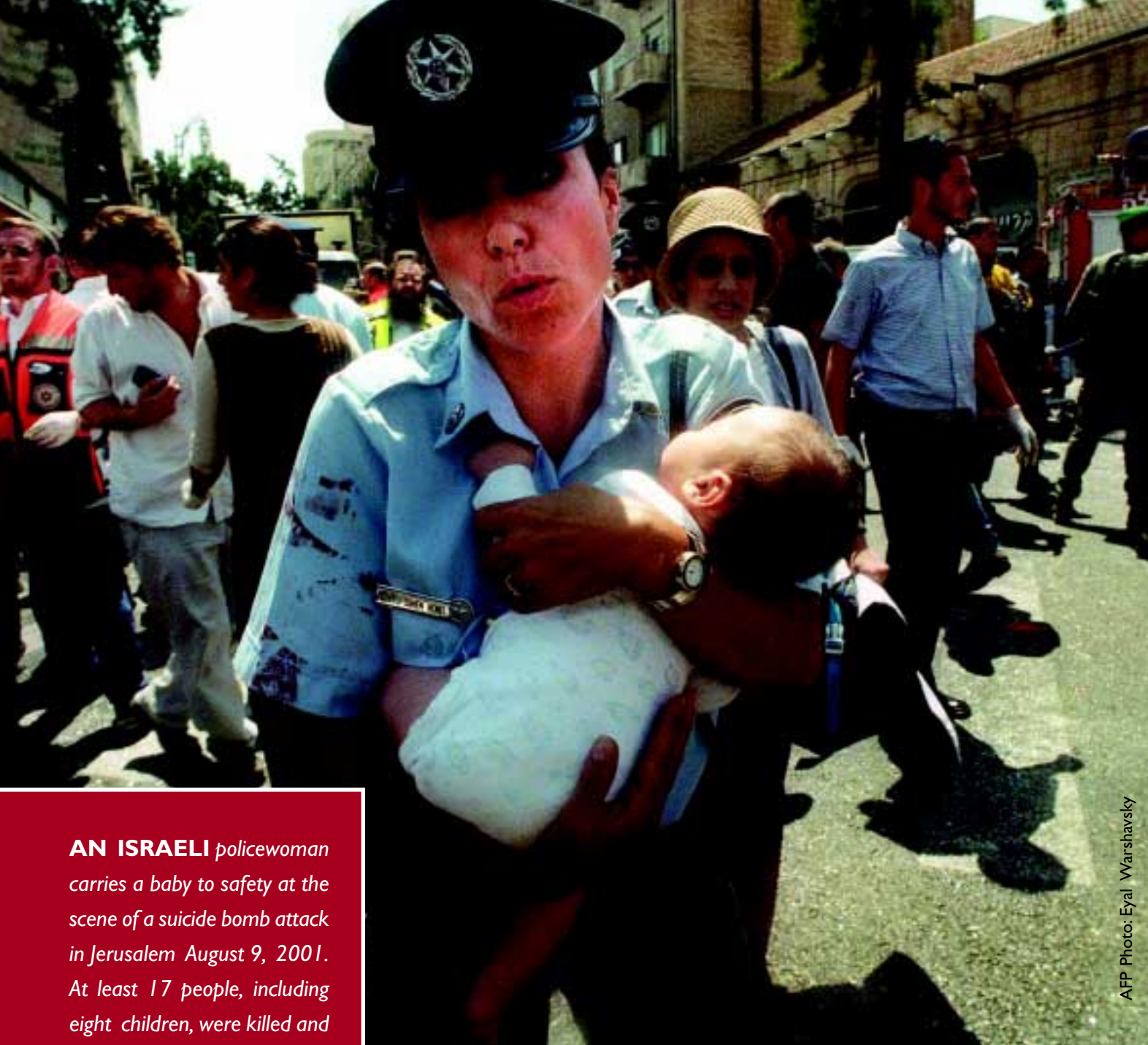
- 10** **HIKMAT MALALHA, 17**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces artillery shrapnel to various parts of the body.
- 16** **SULEIMAN MASRI, 12**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to various parts of the body.
- 17** **ALI ABU SHAWISH, 12**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces gunfire or sniper fire to heart.
- 18** **ADEL MUQANAN, 16**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli army gunfire to abdomen, heart, chest.
- 27** **MAHMOUD IMTEIR, 17**, of Qalandiya, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head, left eye, brain.

May 2001

- 8** **YOSEF ISHRAN, 14**, of the Tekoa settlement, beaten and stoned to death by Palestinian civilians.
KOBY MANDELL, 14, of the Tekoa settlement, beaten and stoned to death by Palestinian civilians.

A JEWISH SETTLER with his children walking towards the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron. In Hebron's city centre, 450 religious Jewish settlers live guarded by soldiers; 30,000 Palestinians live nearby under Israeli occupation. Militarisation exacerbates fear and insecurity for children on all sides.





AFP Photo: Eyal Warshavsky

AN ISRAELI policewoman carries a baby to safety at the scene of a suicide bomb attack in Jerusalem August 9, 2001. At least 17 people, including eight children, were killed and more than 100 injured when the blast ripped through a crowded Jerusalem street.

“Children are paying a heavy and disproportionate price. More must be done to ensure that all the region’s children are protected both from the direct and indirect impacts of this tragic conflict.”

— Pierre Poupard, UNICEF Special Representative in the West Bank and Gaza, at a press conference in Geneva, November 15, 2002

July 2001

26 RONEN LANDAU, 17, of Givat Ze’ev, killed by Palestinian civilian gunfire to the head while returning home from Jerusalem with his father.

July 2001

1 AHMAD YASSIN, 15, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to neck.

7 MURAD MASRI, 14, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.

KHALIL MOGHRABI, 11, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.

17 TAREK ABU DABAAT, 17, of Hebron, died of a heart attack following Israeli forces shelling.

19 DIYA TMEIZI, 3 months, of Hebron, killed by Israeli settler gunfire to head, back, various parts of the body.

23 RIFAT NAHHAL, 15, of Rafah, killed by Israeli army gunfire to back and heart.

31 ASHRAF ABU KHADER, 10, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces helicopter fire during targeted assassination.

BILAL ABU KHADER, 12, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces helicopter fire during targeted assassination.

August 2001

9 ALIZA MALKA, 16, a boarding student at Kibbutz Merav, killed by Palestinian civilian gunfire in a drive-by shooting.

MICHAL RAZIEL, 16, of Jerusalem, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.

MALKA ROTH, 15, of Jerusalem, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.

AVRAHAM SCHIJVESCHUURDER, 4, of Neria, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.

HEMDA SCHIJVESCHUURDER, 2, of Neria, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.

RA’AYA SCHIJVESCHUURDER, 14, of Neria, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.

TAMARA SHIMASHVILI, 8, of Jerusalem, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.

YOCHEVED SHOSHAN, 10, of Jerusalem, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.

10 AHMAD SAQQA, 17, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces silenced gunshot to abdomen.

11 ZAHRA ABU SHALLOUF, 2, of Rafah, died after Israeli forces denied access to medical care.

12 SABREEN ABU SNEINEH, 9, of Hebron, killed by Israeli army gunfire to forehead.

19 MUHAMMAD ABU ARRAR, 13, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire or sniper fire to upper body.

INAS ABU ZEID, 7, of Rafah, killed by shrapnel from Israeli forces ground-to-ground missiles.

SULEIMAN ABU ZEID, 6, of Rafah, killed by shrapnel from Israeli forces ground-to-ground missiles.

22 ABDALLAH ATATRAH, 3, of Jenin, died of drowning after Israeli forces denied access to medical care.

23 MUHAMMAD ZUROB, 12, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces sniper shot to the chest.

28 TAMER ZUROB, 17, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the head.



“Halting the education of any child during war or peace is one of the greatest violations an institution can inflict on a society”

— Mary Yoder,
Christian Peacemaker Teams

A BOY AND A GIRL peek out of their front door in Balata refugee camp, Nablus. From June 21, 2002, the day the Israeli army reoccupied the city, the residents of Nablus were placed under curfew for over 100 days, confining men, women, and children to their homes except for a few hours every 5 to 10 days.



Photo: Mahfouz Abu Turk

September 2001

September 2001

- 8** **KHALED BATSH, 3**, of Hebron, died of fractured skull due to fall during army/settler tear gas attack.
- MUHAMMAD ABU LIBDEH, 13**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to abdomen.
- 12** **BALQIS ARDA, 14**, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces artillery shrapnel to neck.
- 13** **RAMZI HASSOUNAH, 16**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to abdomen.
- 15** **IMAD ZUROB, 15**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to abdomen.
- 23** **SAFDI, infant, stillborn**, of Nablus, died after Israeli forces delayed mother access to medical care.
- 26** **MAHMOUD QISHTA, 16**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 27** **MUAWIYA NAHHAL, 14**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to upper body.
- 28** **MUHSIN ARRAR, 17**, of Ramallah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to upper body.
- MAHMOUD SUKAR, 17**, of Dheisheh camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to upper body.
- MUHAMMAD TARAYRA, 11**, of Hebron, killed by Israeli forces heavy tank fire to abdomen.
- 29** **KHALIL FAYYAD, 17**, of Deir el-Balah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- MAHMOUD SAWWAF, 12**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to upper body.

October 2001

October 2001

- 3** **IBRAHIM RAYAN, 16**, of Jabalyah camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire (20 shots) to various parts of the body.
- 7** **ISSA ABU TABEEKH, 17**, of Hebron, died of heart attack after Israeli forces denied access to medical care.
- 18** **RIHAM WARD, 12**, of Jenin, killed in her classroom by Israeli forces gunfire to upper body.
- 19** **BASIL MUBASHER, 13**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces explosive booby trap, various injuries.
- 20** **YUSEF ABAYAT, 10**, of Beit Sahur, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to upper body.
- JOHNNY THALJIA, 17**, of Bethlehem, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.



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- 4 SHOSHANA BEN-YISHAI, 16**, of Betar Illit, killed by Palestinian civilian machine gunfire as she travelled on a public bus.
- MENASHE REGEV, 14**, of Jerusalem, killed by Palestinian civilian machine gunfire as he travelled on a public bus.

- 21 AHMAD ABU MANDIL, 17**, of Maghazi camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to abdomen.
- 23 NASSER QARAN, 14**, of Qalqilya, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- 24 ABED RABO, infant, newborn**, of Bethlehem, died after Israeli forces denied access to medical care.
- 26 FUAD DAHSHAN, 17**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to various parts of the body.

- 12 AHMAD ABU MUSTAFA, 13**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 18 TAHER KILANI, 17**, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 22 AKRAM ASTAL, 6**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces explosive device.
- ANIS ASTAL, 10**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces explosive device.
- MUHAMMAD NAIM ASTAL, 13**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces explosive device.
- MUHAMMAD SULTAN ASTAL, 11**, Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces explosive device.
- OMAR ASTAL, 12**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces explosive device.
- 23 WAEL RADWAN, 15**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- KIFAH OBEID, 13**, of Dheisheh camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.

- 8 IDO COHEN, 17**, of Jerusalem, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.
- 12 YAIR AMAR, 13**, of Emmanuel, killed by gunfire from a Palestinian suicide bomber.
- AVRAHAM NITZANI, 17**, of Betar Illit, killed in an attack on an Israeli bus near Emmanuel.

- 10 SHADI ARAFEH, 13**, of Hebron, killed by Israeli forces helicopter missile during targeted assassination.
- BURHAN HIMUNI, 3**, of Hebron, killed by Israeli forces helicopter missile during targeted assassination.
- MUHAMMAD ZAKIN, 8 hours old**, of Yamoun, died after Israeli forces denied his mother access to medical care.
- 11 SAID, infant, stillborn**, of Yamoun, died after Israeli forces denied his mother access to medical care.
- 13 AHMAD MASRI, 15**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces helicopter gunfire to upper body.
- RAMI ZUROB, 13**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces helicopter gunfire to upper body.
- 15 MAHMOUD AHMAD, 17**, of Beit Hanoun, killed by Israeli forces helicopter gunfire to head.
- IMAD GHALEEZ, 15**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces helicopter gunfire to head.
- 16 SULEIMAN HASSAN, premature**, of Yamoun, died after Israeli forces denied mother access to medical care.
- MUHAMMAD HUNAYDEK, 12**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- YASSER KUSSBA, 12**, of Qalandiya, killed by Israeli forces rubber-coated bullet fired close-range to head.
- 20 MAHMOUD MUQAYYAD, 14**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.



A YOUNG ISRAELI GIRL in costume for the Jewish holiday of Purim prays and kisses the holy site of the Western (Wailing) Wall. The state of affairs in Israel and Palestine takes its toll on the children and young people as they are exposed to threats, both directly (by attacks against themselves or loved ones) and indirectly (via the media and general mood on the rest of the street).



December 2001

UNICEF estimates that during the 2001/2002 school year, more than 600,000 (61%) of the 986,000 children in the West Bank and Gaza were unable to attend school on a regular basis.

January 2002

February 2002

- 6** **YA'EL OHANA, 11**, of Hamra settlement, killed along with her mother by Palestinian civilian gunfire.
- 16** **NEHEMIA 'AMAR, 17**, of Qarne Shomeron settlement, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.
- KEREN SHATZKI, 14**, of Qarne Shomeron settlement, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.

December 2001

- 21** **RIAD AHEL, 17**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- ABDUL KARIM ASHQAR, 16**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- ZAKARIA NAWAJHA, 17**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- HABIB RADWAN, 14**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to abdomen.
- KHALIL SAIFI, 17**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to face.
- ABDUL AZIZ SWARKEH, 17**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- 30** **AHMAD BANAT, 15**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to various parts of the body.
- MUHAMMAD LABAD, 16**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to various parts of the body.
- MUHAMMAD MADHOUN, 16**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to various parts of the body.

January 2002

- 18** **MUHAMMAD JAWDEH, 16**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli artillery wounds in various parts of the body.
- 25** **SAMER KUSSBA, 14**, of Ramallah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 27** **SAFWAT KHALIL, 17**, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces explosion causing multiple injuries.
- 30** **TAMER KASHOUR, 17**, of Jerusalem, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.

February 2002

- 1** **LUAY ADILI, 15**, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 6** **FADI AZAZI, 16**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- 16** **MASUD ABU JALAL, 16**, of Gaza Wusta, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 18** **MONA BAJASAH, 14**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 19** **MUHAMMAD HASHASH, 17**, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces artillery shrapnel to heart.

“I want the world to know that the mothers of our children are like all other mothers who love their children and do not want to lose them”

— Diana Abdel Nour, Principal of Ramallah Friends Girls' School, quoted with permission from the Ramallah Friends Girls' School yearbook *Protest 2001–2002*

THE SISTER OF A DEAD SOLDIER is comforted by her family as she cries at his funeral. He was one of 73 Israeli soldiers who were killed in a twin army helicopter crash along the border with Lebanon. Since the escalation of violence, children have described how they are scared for themselves and for those around them. Young girls, Israeli and Palestinian alike, especially worry for their brothers.



February 2002

- 27** **RACHEL THELER, 16**, of Ginot Shomron, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.

March 2002

- 2** **YA'AKOV ELIYAHU, 7 months**, of Jerusalem, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.
- LIDOR ILAN, 12**, of Rishon Lezion, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.
- ORIAH ILAN, 18 months**, of Rishon Lezion, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.
- LIRAN NEHMAD, 3**, of Rishon Lezion, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.
- SHAUL NEHMAD, 15**, of Rishon Lezion, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.
- SHIRAZ NEHMAD, 7**, of Rishon Lezion, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.
- 9** **AVIA MALKA, 9 months**, of South Africa, killed by Palestinian civilian gunfire and grenades.

February 2002

- 21** **BASIL ATTAR, 17**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- IHAB ABDUL WAHAB, 16**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.
- 23** **NORA SHALHOUB, 15**, of Tulkarm, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to various parts of the body.
- 28** **MUHAMMAD HELOU, 17**, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to various parts of the body.

March 2002

- 1** **MARIA ABU SARIEH, 9**, of Jenin refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.
- IBRAHIM TALLAKA, 14**, Northern Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to back.
- 2** **INAS SALAH, 7**, of Northern Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire shrapnel to various parts of the body.
- 3** **AHMAD HASHASH, 15**, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to abdomen.
- 4** **AYMAN ALEM, 17**, of Qalqilya, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to various parts of the body.
- AZIZA ABU KWEIK, 17**, of Ramallah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to various parts of the body.
- BARAA ABU KWEIK, 14**, of Ramallah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to various parts of the body.
- MUHAMMAD ABU KWEIK, 8**, of Ramallah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to various parts of the body.
- ARAFAT MASRI, 16**, of Ramallah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to various parts of the body.
- SHAIMA MASRI, 4**, of Ramallah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to various parts of the body.
- 6** **KHALED SUBEIH, 16**, of Ramallah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 8** **KHALED KHAIRALLAH, 10**, of Tulkarm, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to various parts of the body.
- SAID ABU SUFYAN, 15**, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 9** **NIDAA IZZA, 15**, of Bethlehem, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to various parts of the body.

March 2002

- 12** **ATARA LIVNE, 15**, of Kibbutz Hanita, killed along with her mother by Palestinian civilian gunfire that sprayed their vehicle with bullets.
- 30** **RACHEL LEVI, 17**, of West Jerusalem, killed by Palestinian suicide bomber.
- 31** **GAL KOREN, 15**, of Haifa, killed by Palestinian suicide bomber at a café in Haifa.
- ORLY OFIR, 16**, of Haifa, killed by Palestinian suicide bomber at a café in Haifa.
- OFER RON, 17**, of Haifa, killed by Palestinian suicide bomber at a café in Haifa.
- ADI SHIRAN, 17**, of Haifa, killed by Palestinian suicide bomber at a café in Haifa.

April 2002

Preliminary results of the nutritional assessment conducted by John Hopkins University and others indicate a substantial increase in the number of malnourished children in the West Bank and Gaza in the two years up to August 2002, with 22.5% of children under 5 suffering from acute (9.3%) or chronic (13.2%) malnutrition.

March 2002

- 10** **MUHAMMAD GHANEM, 16**, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to heart.
- 12** **RAWAN JABRILI, 15**, of Hebron, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to neck and chest.
- 15** **AMANI AWAWDAAH, 12**, of Deir el-Balah, killed by Israeli forces exploding mine.
- SALEM AWAWDAAH, 10**, of Deir el-Balah, killed by Israeli forces exploding mine.
- TAREK AWAWDAAH, 9**, of Deir el-Balah, killed by Israeli forces exploding mine.
- 17** **SHAIMA HAMAD, 11**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- MUJAHED ABU SHABAB, 2**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces shelling.
- 20** **MUHAMMAD MUGHRABI, 11**, Askar refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to various parts of the body.
- 23** **RIHAM ABU TAHA, 4**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.
- 25** **MAHMUD ABU YASSIN, 15**, of Jabalya refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.
- 31** **HAMADEH SIKLI, 13**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.

April 2002

- 2** **ISSA DABOUB, 15**, of Bethlehem, killed by Israeli forces gunfire while playing in front of his home.
- FAYEZ SALAH, 14**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the neck.
- 3** **MUHAMMAD HAWASHIN, 13**, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the neck while playing.
- WALID MASHARQA, 16**, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.
- ABDULLAH SHABI, 10**, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces with his entire family of 7.
- ANAS SHABI, 4**, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces with his entire family of 7.
- AZZAM SHABI, 7**, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces with his entire family of 7.
- 5** **DINA SAWAFTA, 13**, of Tubas, killed by Israeli forces.





Photo: Rula Halawani

A PALESTINIAN GIRL from Hebron, holding her father's hand, sobs while standing between the two Israeli soldiers who arrested her brother for throwing stones. Reports on West Bank Palestinians say the prevalent signs of psychological distress and fear among school-age children including crying, fear of loud noises, sleep disorders, nervousness, decreased interest in eating and weight loss, hopelessness and abnormal thoughts about death.

“ Violence is a very bad and disgusting thing that is happening to us now. We want to feel safe and I want to sleep well at night. I think that nobody in the world likes to live in violence or war or in a bad situation like in Palestine. We want peace and I want to feel like a child ”

– Monica Mardirossian, grade 6, Ramallah Friends Girls' School

A CHILD IS EVACUATED from a hotel restaurant following a suicide bombing during Passover (March 27, 2002) in the northern Israeli town of Netanya that killed at least 29 Israelis and injured more than 140 others. The attack, claimed by the armed wing of Hamas, was the deadliest since the beginning of the uprising. Indiscriminate attacks on civilians such as this are illegal acts that undermine the most basic human rights.



AFP photo: Avigail Uzi

April 2002

April 2002

- 6 SALWA DAHALIZ, 10**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the head while playing.
- SUMAYA HASSAN, 6**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the head while in a car with her pregnant mother and grandfather.
- RUBIN KHDOUR, 14**, of Al Fawwar camp, Hebron, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the heart while in his home.
- ISRA OTHMAN, 10**, of Beitunia, Ramallah, killed by Israeli forces.
- 9 AMJAD AIDA, 11**, of Askar camp, Nablus, killed by Israeli forces tank fire.
- 10 MUTASEM HAMDAN, 16**, Ein Bet Ilam camp, Nablus, killed by Israeli forces shelling.
- 11 AHED HAMAD, 5**, of Hebron, died after inhaling gas released by Israeli forces.
- FARES ZABAN, 14**, of Jenin, killed by shrapnel in the chest fired by Israeli forces after lifting of curfew.
- 16 QUSAY ABU AISHA, 12**, of Askar camp, Nablus, killed by shrapnel from Israeli forces shelling to various parts of the body.
- 17 AHMAD ABU SALIMA, 16**, of Beit Lahiya, Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire near the Dugit settlement.
- 18 FADEL ABU ZUHEIRAH, 9**, of Beitunia, Ramallah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the abdomen.
- 19 ALI QASHEER, 15**, of Ramallah, killed by Israeli forces close range tank fire to the head, left to bleed until dead.
- HAITHAM SHAWQAH, 14**, Sheikh Radwan, Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunshots to head and chest.
- 20 RAFAT AWWAD, 12**, of Nablus, run over by Israeli forces.
- FARAJ UDWAN, 4**, of Nablus, run over by Israeli forces.
- 21 ANAN MASHARQAH, 7**, of Jenin, killed by shrapnel to face and left hand from Israeli forces shelling.
- 23 AMEEN THAWABTEH, 14**, of Beit Fajjar, Bethlehem, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to ampit while playing.



April 2002

27 DANIELLE SHEFI, 5, of the Adora settlement, Hebron, killed by Palestinian civilian gunfire while playing in her home.

April 2002

24 ANWAR HAMDUNEH, 13, of Gaza City, killed by Israeli forces gunfire near the Nezarim settlement, lightly armed. Left to bleed for 16 hours.

MAJDI KHALILIYE, 13, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.

ISMAIL ABU NADI, 13, of Gaza City, killed by Israeli forces gunfire near the Nezarim settlement, lightly armed. Left to bleed for 16 hours.

YUSEF ZAKUT, 14, of Gaza City, killed by Israeli forces gunfire near the Nezarim settlement, lightly armed. Left to bleed for 16 hours.

28 OSAMA JABARIN, 15, of Sair, Hebron, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.

30 HUDA SHALUF, 12 months, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces tank fire at her home.

May 2002

22 ELMAR DEZHABRIELOV, 16, of Rishon Lezion, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.

27 SINAI KEINAN, 14 months, of Petah Tikva, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.

28 GILAD STIGLITZ, 14, of Yakir, Tulkarm, killed by Palestinian civilian gunfire in the settlement of Itamar, Nablus.

AVRAHAM SITON, 17, of Shilo, Ramallah, killed by Palestinian civilian gunfire in the settlement of Itamar, Nablus.

NETANEL RIACHI, 17, of Kochav Ya'akov, Ramallah, killed by Palestinian civilian gunfire in the settlement of Itamar, Nablus.

May 2002

17 ALI HAMDAN, 17, of Dura al-Qar, killed by Beit El settlement civilian security after stabbing him.

AMEED ABU SEIR, 7, of Askar refugee camp, Nablus, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to abdomen and face.

21 MUHAMMAD KASSAB, 17, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the back.

25 ANWAR ABU SA'EED, 12, of Hujor Al Deek, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to various parts of the body.

May 2002

80% of Palestinians killed by Israeli Defence Forces while enforcing curfew are children.

— B'tselem Israeli Information Centre for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories

May 2002

1 ABED ISMAIL, 11, of Bethlehem, killed by Israeli forces.

5 ABEER ABU SAMARA, 3, of Qabatiya, Jenin, killed in a field by Israeli forces tank fire with her brother and mother.

BASEL ABU SAMARA, 4, of Qabatiya, Jenin, killed in a field by Israeli forces tank fire with his sister and mother.

TAMER ABU SIRIYYE, 10, of Tulkarm, killed by Israeli forces tank machine gun fire.

6 MAJDI BARHUM, 17, of Aqraba, Nablus, killed by Israeli forces gunfire near Wadi Brukin.

7 JAMAL SHAER, 17, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.

11 IZZEDDINE HILU, 12, of Gaza City, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.

13 SALEM SHA'ER, 15, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.

FADI SHEHADEH, 16, of Dheisheh refugee camp, died of Israeli forces gunfire to various parts of the body.

16 MUEEN ATRASH, 17, of Deir el-Balah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.

OBEID SAMER, 7, of Askar camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire into his home.

17 MURAD GHOUL, 16, of Jenin refugee camp, died of shrapnel from an Israeli forces land mine.

June 2002

5 ADI DAHAN, 17, of Afula, killed by Palestinian civilian car bomb at Megido junction in Israel.

6 HADAR HERCHKOWITZ, 15, of Herzeliya, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.

18 GALILA BUGALA, 11, of East Jerusalem, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber in West Jerusalem.

SHANI AVI-ZEDEK, 15, of West Jerusalem, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber.

19 GAL EISENMAN, 5, of Ma'ale Adumim, Ramallah, killed by a Palestinian suicide in East Jerusalem.

SHMUEL YERUSHALMI, 17, of Shilo, Ramallah, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber in East Jerusalem.

20 ELIAHU NEHMAD, 17, of Rishon Lezion, died of wounds inflicted by a Palestinian suicide bomber on March 2.

AVISHAI SHABO, 5, of Itamar settlement, killed in his home by Palestinian civilian gunfire.

ZVI SHABO, 13, of Itamar settlement, killed in his home by Palestinian civilian gunfire.

NERIA SHABO, 16, of Itamar settlement, killed in his home by Palestinian civilian gunfire.

June 2002

4 MURAD ALQAM, 16, of Beit Umar, Hebron, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the neck.

11 HUSSEIN MATWI, 8, of Mighraqa, Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to heart.

FARES SAADI, 13, of Jenin, died under rubble of home demolished by Israeli forces.

ALI ABU SITTA, 17, of Khan Younis, died of wounds inflicted by Israeli forces gunfire to the head on June 2.

21 ABDUL SAMAD SHAMLAKH, 10, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the head.

22 AHMAD ABU AZIZEH, 13, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces tank fire.

JAMIL ABU AZIZEH, 6, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces tank fire.

SJOUD TURKI, 6, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces tank fire.

23 JAMIL GHAZZAWI, 12, of Jenin, killed by shrapnel from Israeli forces tank fire to left leg and right thigh on June 21.

24 MIDHAT HURANI, 17, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces shrapnel to head in targeted assassination.

26 MUHAMMAD AYESH, 17, Balata refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head.

MUHAMMED MUBARAK, 14, of Nablus, died of Israeli forces tear gas inhalation.

BASSAM SAADI, 6, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.

29 MUHAMMAD SHTEIWI, 12, Farah refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.



July 2002

- 16 ONE-DAY-OLD BABY BOY**, of Emmanuel, West Bank, died after premature birth when his mother was injured by a Palestinian civilian bomb and gunfire.
- TIFERET SARAH SHILON, 9 months**, of Emmanuel, killed by a Palestinian civilian bomb attack and gunfire on a public bus.
- YONATAN GAMLIEL, 16**, of Emmanuel, West Bank, killed by a Palestinian civilian bomb attack and gunfire on a public bus.
- 25 SHUV'EL DIKSTEIN, 9**, of Psagot, West Bank, killed along with his parents by Palestinian civilian gunfire which ambushed the car they were travelling in.

July 2002

- 5 NOOR HINDI, 2**, of Deir Al Balah, Gaza, killed with mother by Israeli forces exploding bullet to head.
- 7 SHUKRI DAOUUD, 8**, of Qalqilia, died of Israeli forces gunfire to head inflicted on June 27.
- 17 AHMAD ABU RADAHA, 7**, of Amari refugee camp, killed by shrapnel from Israeli forces explosive device.
- 22 MUHAMMAD HUWAITI, 3**, of Gaza, killed inside his home by Israeli forces missile in targeted assassination.
- SUBHI HUWAITI, 5**, of Gaza, killed inside her home by Israeli forces missile in targeted assassination.
- ALA MATAR, 11**, of Gaza, killed inside his home by Israeli forces missile in targeted assassination.
- AYMAN MATAR, 2**, of Gaza, killed inside his home by Israeli forces missile in targeted assassination.
- DIANA MATAR, 5**, of Gaza, killed inside her home by Israeli forces missile in targeted assassination.
- DINA MATAR, 6 months**, of Gaza, killed inside her home by Israeli forces missile in targeted assassination.
- MUHAMMAD MATAR, 4**, of Gaza, killed inside his home by Israeli forces missile in targeted assassination.
- AHMAD SHAWA, 3**, of Gaza, killed inside his home by Israeli forces missile in targeted assassination.
- IMAN SHEHADEH, 14**, of Gaza, killed inside her home by Israeli forces missile in targeted assassination.
- 28 NIVIN JAMJOUR, 14**, of Hebron, killed by Israeli settler gunfire to head.

August 2002

- 1 ASMAA AHMAD, 8**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the back while playing in her front yard.
- 5 HAMZEH DWEIKAT, 13**, of Balata, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the chest and neck while playing near his home.

August 2002

An Israeli psychologist reported: "We are seeing a lot of [Israeli] children suffering from regression —bed-wetting, insisting on sleeping in their parents' bed. Some have terrible nightmares. Others are depressed. They lose their appetites and just watch TV all day."

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September 2002

August 2002

- 7 MAHER JAZMAWI, 17**, of Tulkarm, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the head.
- 10 AYMAN ABU MUGHEISEB, 12**, of Deir el Balah, died of head wounds inflicted by Israeli forces gunfire on August 7.
- 15 AYMAN FARES, 6**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head while playing near his house.
- 19 MUHAMMAD ABU ODEH, 14**, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the head while playing near his home.
- 20 AYMAN ZURUB, 15**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces gunfire while helping his family tend their crops.
- 26 JIHAD ATHRA, 6**, of Yatta, Hebron, run over by a settler's car while crossing a residential street.
- 28 NIHAD HAJEEN, 17**, of Jabalia, killed by Israeli forces artillery while sleeping in the family vineyard.
- 29 ABDUL HADI HAMAIDA, 13**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.
- 31 YAZEED ABDUL RAZIQ, 16**, of Tubas, killed by shrapnel from Israeli forces helicopter missile in an attempted assassination.
- SARI SBUBEIH, 16**, of Tubas, killed by shrapnel from Israeli forces helicopter missile in an attempted assassination.
- BAHEERA ABUL ZEIT, 7**, of Tubas, killed by shrapnel from Israeli forces helicopter missile in an attempted assassination.
- USAMA ABUL ZEIT, 14**, of Tubas, killed by shrapnel from Israeli forces helicopter missile in an attempted assassination.

September 2002

- 1 ABDUL KARIM SAADI, 16**, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the back.
- 19 MAHMOUD KHATIB, 17**, of Balata refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the neck and shoulder.
- ABDEL SALAM SAMREEN, 12**, of Ramallah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire while running away from a tank.
- 20 ABDALLAH GHARABLI, 14**, of Gaza City, killed by Israeli forces gunfire during an invasion.
- HAYTHAM NATAT, 17**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces artillery shrapnel to the head.





Little children growing in the shadow of war

Not responsible for things done before

For the wars that have no end

On the battle for the land...

...Oh those children cry themselves to sleep at night...

... What can we say to them?

How can we take away the pain?

When our hatred is so strong

For the people with whom we can't get along...

So how can we explain?

That a lion can sleep next to a lamb.

— by Alina Shkolnikov, a 15 year-old Israeli from Jerusalem, excerpted from her poem *In the Shadow of War*. Alina is a member of Seeds of Peace, a non-profit organisation that helps teenagers from regions of conflict learn the skills of making peace.

TEN YEAR-OLD Ra'ed El Attrash stands in front of his home that has been destroyed (by the Israeli military) and rebuilt by his family three times since 1988. During one demolition, when he was four years old, a soldier grabbed Ra'ed, pointed a pistol at his head and threatened to shoot him if his mother did not leave.

September 2002

September 2002

- 22** **BAHA BAHSH, 13**, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces sniper fire to the chest while standing on a street.
- 24** **WALID MUGHANNI, 14**, of Gaza City, killed by IDF gunfire during the invasion of Gaza City.
- 26** **GHARAM TEL, 14 months**, of Hebron, died after inhaling tear gas released by Israeli forces.
- 30** **RAMI BARBARI, 12**, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces tank machine-gun fire to the back of the head.
- MAHMOUD ZAGHLOUL, 10**, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the chest.

October 2002

October 2002

- 4** **MOHAMMED ZEID, 15**, of Nazlat Zeid, near Jenin, killed by Israeli forces gunfire near his house in a stone throwing incident.
- 5** **AMMAR RAJAB, 15**, of Al Ein refugee camp, Nablus, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the head.
- 7** **AHMAD ASTAL, 16**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces helicopter missile fire in southern Gaza.
- MUHAMMAD ASTAL, 13**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces helicopter missile fire in southern Gaza.
- JAMAL BARABAKH, 17**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces helicopter missile fire in southern Gaza.
- NIDAL BARABAKH, 16**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces helicopter missile fire in southern Gaza.
- ABDALLAH SABAH, 16**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces helicopter missile fire in southern Gaza.
- FARES ZAKZUK, 17**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces helicopter missile fire in southern Gaza.
- 8** **MAISA ZANNOUN, 12**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli army heavy machinegun fire to the chest when she went out to the balcony of her home.
- 9** **MUHAMMAD ASHOUR, 16**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces heavy gunfire to neck for throwing stones.
- MAHMOUD ASTAL, 16**, of Khan Younis, died of wounds inflicted by Israeli forces missile fire in southern Gaza on October 7.
- AHMED RADWAN, 15**, of Rafah, bled to death because no ambulance could reach him after Israeli forces shot him in the thigh for throwing stones.



October 2002

29 LINOY SAROUSSI, 14, of Hermesh, Jenin, killed at point blank range by Palestinian civilian gunfire in front of her home.

HADAS TURGEMAN, 14, of Hermesh, Jenin, killed at point blank range by Palestinian civilian gunfire in front of her friend's home.

“ It seems that we, Israelis and Palestinians, here are not able to solve the problems ourselves. Let's hope that the international community will put our conflict high on the priority list and work with both sides to start to talk again and reach a just peace soon.”

— Dr Philip Veerman, Executive Director, Defence for Children International/Israel

November 2002

4 GASTON PERPINAL, 15, of Kfar Sava, killed in a Palestinian suicide bomb attack in a shopping mall in Kfar Sava, central Israel.

10 NOAM OHAYON, 4, of Kibbutz Metzger, killed by a Palestinian civilian who entered his home and shot him, his brother and his mother to death.

MATAN OHAYON, 5, of Kibbutz Metzger, killed by a Palestinian civilian who entered his home and shot him, his brother and his mother to death.



October 2002

10 THA'ER AL HOWT, 13, Jibna camp, Rafah, Gaza, killed by Israeli forces heavy gunfire as he fled from raiding tanks.

13 TAWFIK BARAKA, 4, of Rafah, crushed to death by a collapsing wall when Israeli forces demolished homes in his neighbourhood.

16 MUHAMMAD TAMOUNI, 17, of Tulkarm, killed by Israeli forces gunfire from a tank for suspected stone-throwing.

17 MUHAMMAD ABU HILAL, 15, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the head from a tank in southern Gaza.

SHAIMA ABU SHAMMALEH, 8, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire from a tank in southern Gaza.

24 AHMAD ABU JAAFAR, 15, of Jenin, killed by Israeli army artillery shrapnel to the face and head.

MAHMOUD ABU MUR, 17, of Gaza, killed by Israeli army artillery shrapnel to various parts of the body.

26 SALEM SHAER, 14, of Rafah, killed by Israeli army gunfire to the abdomen for throwing stones.

27 AHMAD ANBAS, 17, of Tulkarm, killed by Israeli army gunfire to the back and chest.

AKRAM BAYER, 15, of Jenin, killed by Israeli army sniper fire to the neck and chin.

FUAD ABU GHALI, 17, of Jenin, killed by Israeli army gunfire to the heart as he stood outside his house.

November 2002

5 ADHAM HAMDAN, 16, of Rafah, killed by Israeli army gunfire to the back of the head.

IYAD ABU TAHA, 17, of Rafah, killed by Israeli army gunfire to the head.

11 NAFEZ MASH'AL, 2, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to back while sitting with his father outside their house.

MUHAMMAD ABU NAJA, 8, of Rafah, died of wounds inflicted by Israeli forces gunfire on October 17.

November 2002

21 ILAN PERLMAN, 8, of West Jerusalem, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber in a bus in Kiryat Menahem.

YAFIT RAVIVO, 13, of West Jerusalem, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber in a bus in Kiryat Menahem.

HODAYA ASARAF, 13, of West Jerusalem, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber in a bus in Kiryat Menahem.

MICHAEL SHARSHEVSKY, 16, of West Jerusalem, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber in a bus in Kiryat Menahem.

According to UNICEF, 112 of some 1,760 schools in the occupied Palestinian Territories were damaged between the end of March 2002 and August 2002. Eleven of these were completely destroyed.

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December 2002

27 GAVRIEL HOTER, 17, Alonei Habashan, Golan Heights, killed by Palestinian civilian machine gunfire and grenades in the settlement of Otni'el, Hebron district.

November 2002

13 HAMED MASRI, 2, of Rafah refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the chest while attempting to escape the shelling of his house with his parents.

14 JALAL AWIJAN, 17, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the chest.

15 ADHAM HAMDAN, 16, of Jenin, killed by Israeli army gunfire to the chest.

AMRAN SHILLEH, 17, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the chest.

19 IHAB ZAQLEH, 16, of Tulkarm, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.

20 AMR QUDSI, 14, of Tulkarm, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the back for throwing stones at an Israeli tank when he found his school was closed.

22 MUHAMMAD BILALWEH, 12, of Jenin refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the left eye.

23 ABDALLAH NATSHEH, 15, of Hebron, killed by Israeli army gunfire to the pelvis.

25 JIHAD FAQIH, 8, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the heart.

27 FAWAREGH, infant boy, of Ma'sarah, died at birth after his mother was delayed for two hours by an Israeli forces patrol on her way to the Bethlehem hospital.

28 ABBAS ATRASH, 3, of Hebron, killed in his home by Israeli forces gunfire to the abdomen.

30 HATEM IJLA, 16, of Gaza City, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the back while walking home from school.

December 2002

6 MARWAN TAHARAWI, 16, of Bureij refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.

17 JAWAD ZEIDAN, 15, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces tank fire.

18 ALA SDUDI, 15, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head, chest and leg.

19 NADA MADI, 11, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to chest.

21 HANEEN SITA, 11, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire as she walked near Morag settlement.

26 MUHAMMAD ASHOUR, 17, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.



December 2002

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February 2003

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“ For children, the act of demolition (of their house)—and the months and years leading up to it—is a time of trauma... to endure the confusion, noise, violence, displacement and destruction of your home, your world, your toys—these events mark children for life.”

— Jeff Halper, Coordinator of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions, from ‘The Tank and the Bulldozer’ in *Obstacles to Peace: a critical tour of Jerusalem/West Bank interface*

- 26 MAHDI OBEID, 17**, of Ramallah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.
- 28 HANEEN ABU SULEIMAN, 9**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the head while outside her home.
- 29 ABDULKARIM SALAMEH, 11**, of Tulkarm, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the head for throwing stones at soldiers.

- 1 JIHAD ABED, 15**, of Jabaliya refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.
- MUHAMMAD DAWAS, 14**, Jabaliya refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.
- TAREK DAWAS, 15**, of Jabaliya refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.
- 10 TAREK ABU JADO, 16**, of Aida refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the abdomen for hurling stones at shoulders throwing tear gas from armoured jeeps and tanks.
- 12 ABDUL RAHMAN NAJJAR, 16**, of Khan Younis, physically disabled boy, killed by Israeli forces helicopter missiles in a targeted assassination attempt.
- MUHAMMAD QAWARA, 14**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces helicopter missiles in a targeted assassination attempt.
- 13 IYAD ABU SHAER, 12**, of Deir el Balah, died of wounds inflicted by Israeli forces gunfire in December 2002.
- 15 MUHIEDDINE HAMZA, 16**, of Tulkarm, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the head and abdomen.
- HAZZA SHADID, 16**, of Tulkarm, killed by Israeli forces gunfire aimed at the students of Fadliyyah School.
- 26 ALI GHREIZ, 7**, of Al Barzil refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces tank machine-gun fire while playing with his 5-year-old brother who was also injured.
- AMJAD HATTAB, 16**, of Gaza City, killed by Israeli forces gunfire during the invasion of the Zaitoun neighborhood.
- KHALED SHALLOUF, 17**, of Gaza City, killed by Israeli forces gunfire during the invasion of the Zaitoun neighborhood.
- 28 SABRINE SHAHINE, 15**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces helicopter missile fire in the targeted assassination of a relative.

- 1 TAMER KHDEIR, 15**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to head and chest, left to bleed to death.
- 8 MUSTAFA ABU ADWAN, 8**, of Khan Younis, died of wounds inflicted by Israeli forces gunfire the previous day.
- 11 AREF BISHARAT, 13**, of Tammun, died of head wounds inflicted by Israeli forces gunfire on February 5, 2002.
- HASSAN GHUL, 8**, of Qalqilya, killed by Israeli forces gunfire for throwing rocks at armoured vehicles.
- 19 MUHAMMAD SABER, 16**, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces gunfire for throwing stones.
- 20 AHMAD ABU ZAHRA, 17**, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces gunfire for throwing stones.
- 23 BARAA AFIFI, 16**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the head.
- SAMER JAARA, 14**, of Nablus, died of wounds inflicted by Israeli forces gunfire the previous day.
- 25 AHMAD ABU ELWAN, 14**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire while playing in front of his house.

- 5 SMADAR FIRSTATER, 16**, of Haifa, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber on a bus in Haifa.
- KAMAR ABU HAMED, 12**, of Daliat al-Carmel, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber on a bus in Haifa.
- DANIEL HAROUSH, 16**, of Safed, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber on a bus in Haifa.
- TOM HERSHKO, 15**, of Haifa, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber on a bus in Haifa.
- ELIZABETH KATZMAN, 16**, of Haifa, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber on a bus in Haifa.
- TAL KERMAN, 17**, of Haifa, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber on a bus in Haifa.
- ABIGAIL LITLE, 14**, of Haifa, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber on a bus in Haifa.
- YUVAL MENDELEVITCH, 13**, of Haifa, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber on a bus in Haifa.
- ASAF TZUR, 17**, of Haifa, killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber on a bus in Haifa.

- 2 ABDUL-RAHMAN JADALLAH, 9**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the head for taunting soldiers with stones during a funeral.
- 3 TAREK AKEL, 13**, of Bureij refugee camp, Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire during an invasion of the camp by hundreds of tanks backed by Apache helicopters.
- FADI HAWAJRI, 16**, of Bureij refugee camp, Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire during an invasion of the camp by hundreds of tanks backed by Apache helicopters.
- 6 MUHAMMAD MUHSIN, 14**, of Jabaliya refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.
- IHAB NABHAN, 14**, of Jabaliya refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.
- TAREK NAJJAR, 14**, of Jabaliya refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.
- HAMZA QARMOUT, 17**, of Jabaliya refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.
- THAER RIHAN, 13**, of Jabaliya refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.
- 7 BAKER HAWASH, 17**, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the chest.



March 2003

Delays and access denials have resulted in the births of 39 children at checkpoints in the past three years.

— Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees (UPMRC)

March 2003

- 14 USAMA ABU KHALIL, 16**, of Tulkarm, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.
- RABI SHARQAWI, 17**, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.
- 17 HANAN ASSAR, 4**, of Nuseirat refugee camp, Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the head.
- OMAR DAROUSH, 13**, of Nuseirat refugee camp, Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.
- MUHAMMAD ABU YUSEF, 17**, of Nuseirat camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the head.
- 24 AHMAD ABAHRAH, 14**, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the head while playing with friends.
- 25 HAKAM NASSAR, 14**, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces gunfire for throwing stones at a tank.
- CHRISTINE SA'ADEH, 12**, of Bethlehem, killed by Israeli forces gunfire while riding with her family in their car.
- 29 MUHAMMAD DARWISH, 14**, of Askar refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to prevent him from throwing a molotov cocktail at Israeli soldiers invading the camp.
- 30 MUHAMMAD TAFISH, 16**, of Gaza, shot by Israeli forces while collecting birds and left to bleed to death.

April 2003

April 2003

- 8 ANAS KAHLOUT, 12**, of Jabaliya refugee camp, died of wounds inflicted by Israeli forces in an attack on the camp on March 6.
- SAMI QASSEM, 16**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces helicopter missiles in targeted assassination.
- TALEB SHAMLAKH, 17**, of Sheikh Ajleen, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the stomach while working in his field.
- 9 AHMAD QUMSAN, 16**, of Jabaliya, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the chest.
- 13 MUHAMMAD JAWABRA, 11**, of Hebron, run over and killed by a settler's car while in a residential street.
- 17 YUSUF YAHYA, 15**, of Tulkarm, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the back for throwing stones.
- 19 MAHMOUD ABU KOSH, 15**, of Rafah, killed by Israeli forces gunfire during an invasion of the town.
- 20 ABDUL RAHAMAN AABED, 16**, of Qalqilya, killed by Israeli forces gunfire directed at children leaving school to return home.
- 28 MASAB JABR, 16**, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces gunfire during an invasion of the refugee camp.

April 2003

April 2003

- 2 OMAR MATAR, 14**, of Ramallah, died of head and neck wounds inflicted by Israeli forces gunfire.
- 3 JIHAD ABDUL RAUF, 14**, of Qalqilya, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.
- 4 THAER ABU SUBEIH, 10**, of Hebron, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.
- 6 YUSEF ABU NADI, 15**, of Deir el Balah, killed by Israeli forces artillery shrapnel.
- 8 AHMAD ASHRAM, 13**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces helicopter missiles in targeted assassination.

May 2003

May 2003

“ I suggest that the political leaders from both sides meet the children of the other side to discover humanity.”

— Eyad El Sarraj, MD, Chairman of the Gaza Community Mental Health Program

- 1 MUHAMMAD ABDUL DAHDAH, 13**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire during an attack with tanks, armoured vehicles and Apache helicopters on a residential neighbourhood.
- AMEER AYYAD, 2**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire during an attack with tanks, armoured vehicles and Apache helicopters on a residential neighbourhood.
- NAIM NAIM, 17**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire during an attack with tanks, armoured vehicles and Apache helicopters on a residential neighbourhood.
- AHMAD TATAR, 15**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces gunfire during an attack with tanks, armoured vehicles and Apache helicopters on a residential neighbourhood.
- 4 MAJDI HIJAZI, 14**, of Nablus, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the head.
- 6 ALIAN BASHITI, 18 months**, of Khan Younis, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the neck.





Photo: Mahfouz Abu Turk

IN AL-BIREH, two boys dart away as a tank rumbles into their neighbourhood. Israeli armoured military incursions into residential areas regularly injure Palestinian children at home or at play.

May 2003

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- 7 AHMAD JOUDAH, 16**, of Jabaliya refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to several parts of the body.
- 8 AHMAD HAMSHARI, 13**, of Tulkarm, died of wounds inflicted by Israeli forces gunfire during the March invasion of Tulkarm.
- 14 DIA HAWADRAH, 14**, of Jenin, killed by Israeli forces gunfire from a tank during an incursion into the area.
- 15 ZUHAYR ABU JARAD, 13**, of Beit Lahiya, killed by Israeli forces gunfire during the invasion of Beit Hanoun.
ABDUL QADER ABU KAS, 16, of Jabaliya refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire during the invasion of Beit Hanoun.
MUHAMMAD ZAAININ, 12, of Beit Hanoun, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to the head.
- 18 KHALED NASR, 16**, of Jabaliya refugee camp, killed by Israeli forces gunfire to several parts of the body.
- 21 RAMEZ ARAR, 17**, of Qarawat Bani Zayd, killed by Israeli forces gunfire.
- 26 SAMER ARAR, 11**, of Salfit, killed by Israeli forces sniper fire to the head.
- 27 MUHAMMAD AWAD, 16**, of Tulkarm, killed by Israeli forces gunfire for throwing stone.
KAMAL NAWAHDA, 13, of Jenin, died of an Israeli forces gunshot wound to the head inflicted May 22 while he was inside his classroom.

June 2003

June 2003

- 17 NOAM LEIBOVITCH, 7**, of Yemin Orde, Carmel, killed in her family car by Palestinian civilian machine gunfire near the Kibbutz Eyal junction.
- 3 AMIR ABDUL LATIF, 17**, of Tulkarm, died of wounds inflicted by Israeli forces gunfire on May 22.
- 5 IBRAHIM ABU HABLA, 15**, of Tulkarm, died of gunshot wounds inflicted May 28 by Israeli forces for throwing stones at tanks.
- 10 MARIAM ABEDRABBO, 16**, of Jabaliyah, killed by Israeli forces helicopter missile-fire.
- 12 AFNAN TAHA, 2**, of Gaza, killed by Israeli forces missile fire from Apache helicopters.
- 15 AMAL JARSHAH, 8**, of Gaza, died of wounds inflicted by Israeli forces missile fire from Apache helicopters in a failed assassination attempt on June 11.

July 2003

July 2003

- 11 YAZAN TUL, 13**, of Nablus, run over by a speeding settler's car on the Nablus-Ramallah road near Sawiyah village.
- 25 MAHMOUD KABAHA, 4**, of Barta, killed by Israeli forces gunfire which also wounded his two sisters, aged 6 and 7, while in a stopped jeep with their mother and grandfather waiting to enter the village.



“Attacks on children undermine our beliefs that there is justice and order in the world and that there is safety for those who have not sinned. In such circumstances, the belief that ‘it won’t happen to me’ begins to evaporate.”

— Professor Zahava Solomon, Tel Aviv University, quoted in ‘The irrationality that is the sum of all fears’, *Ha’aretz*, September 22, 2002, page 4

C onclusion

As Dean Hirsch, President of World Vision International, observes: “the one thing people hold most in common is that they all love their children.”

What if we saw all the children of the world as our own children? How would the world be different? The fact is that until all of us around the world see all children as our own, the world won't be fully safe for *any* child. Nor, for that matter, will it be a great place for any of us.

No child should ever have reason to fear—let alone die from—a suicide bomber. No child should ever fear a violent death from an occupying military. No child should experience the trauma of bombings, tanks, and undercover death squads. No children should die for the sins of adults.

Perhaps you weep, as I have, for the children presented in this booklet. When I cry out to God: “You've got to do something about the horrible and unjust suffering of children!”, the reply comes: “I have. I am. I've put it in your hands to act.” We—you and I—must be the hands of God on Earth. We must act not only to assuage—but to end—the violence.

God has placed hope in your hands. For the children's sake, use it. “What can I do?”, you ask? Get started — consider the suggestions listed. One voice for justice is powerful; many voices for justice are a force for change. Do you hear the children cry? Act now, as if the children crying were standing in front of you...for they are.



— Dan Simmons, National Director,
World Vision Jerusalem

Some things you can do...

Raise awareness! Help others to learn more about the nature of violence against children in Israel/Palestine — you could invite Palestinian or Israeli child rights, humanitarian or peace organisations to speak in your community, or encourage a local theatre to show a documentary on the subject. Contact World Vision Jerusalem for more ideas.

Voice your concerns! Set aside some time each week to write to your elected officials, asking that your government provide humanitarian funding to protect children caught in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict and apply pressure on both sides to ensure that children are never targets of violence. Also write to Israeli and Palestinian representatives in your country, urging that both the Government of Israel and the Palestinian Authority act at all times in the best interests of children — especially in protecting them from violence. And write to your newspaper and magazine editors, asking them to increase their coverage of the impacts of this conflict on the children. These letters are more important than you may realise in changing government policies and media approaches to the Middle East.

Remember!

- Children everywhere need us all to imagine a world where children are safe, and to use our influence to make it happen.
- To pray for peace and justice in the Holy Land.

Be informed! Join the email list of a child rights or peace group for current updates on the issues facing children in the Palestinian/Israeli conflict, or talk to those who have direct knowledge of the area.

Some suggested websites:

Defence for Children International/Israeli Section:
www.dci.org.il/home_en.asp

The Parents' Circle - Bereaved Families Supporting Reconciliation and Peace:
www.theparentscircle.com/parents/about.asp

B'Tselem, the Israeli Information Centre for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories: www.btselem.org

Defence for Children International/Palestinian Section:
www.dci-pal.org/first.html

The Palestinian Centre for Human Rights:
www.pchrgaza.org

Amnesty International (USA):
takeaction.amnestyusa.org/action/index.asp?step=2&item=2319;
(Australia): www.amnesty.org.au/children/killingfuture_full.html

Human Rights Watch, Middle East:
www.hrw.org/mideast/is-ot-pa.php

Watchlist - Impact of Conflict on Children in OPT and Israel:
www.watchlist.org/reports/israel.report.php

United Nations Press Briefing on Palestinian Children:
www.un.org/News/briefings/docs/2002/PalestinePC.doc.htm

Middle East Children's Alliance: www.mecaforpeace.org

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