

# Murdering Children - Israel's Domestic Policy

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In the past 8 weeks alone, the Zionist government of Israel and its military apparatus have murdered 228 Palestinians, 37 of them children. Almost all of these children's names have been completely excluded from Western media reports, while at the same time, almost everyone knows the name of the single Israeli soldier whose capture (allegedly by Palestinian militants) in June was used by the Israeli government to attack Lebanon and murder 1300 civilians.

The death of any child is a tragedy beyond compare, yet when we are faced with the deliberate mass murder of children by members of the Israeli military, under orders from their political leaders, and with the full conscious support (both military and political) of the Bush and Blair administrations, a feeling of anger accompanies the grief. Yet we are helpless, it seems, to stop them. We can do little more than publicly and in the strongest possible terms, denounce these evil men and women who should be allowed no part in the evolution of the human race. Indeed, under their stewardship, the human race seems destined for a future of war, death and suffering on an unimaginable scale.

The Israeli politicians responsible for the murders of 37 Palestinian children over the past 8 weeks would dearly love for their names and short lives to be wiped from the pages of history, yet we cannot and will not allow that to happen. Below are the names of these children, their young and innocent lives brutally taken from them by the actions of men who are simply not human beings. They are animals.

Bara Nasser Habib, 3 (hit by shrapnel to the head and body, Gaza City, 26 July)

Shahed Saleh Al-Sheikh Eid, 3 days old (bled to death after airstrike, Al-Shouka, 4 August)

Rajaa Salam Abu Shaban, 3 (died of fractured skull in air raid, Gaza City, 9 August)

Jihad Selmi Abu Snaima, 14 (killed by a shell, Al-Shoukha, 10 September)

Khaled Nidal Wahba, 15 months (died of wounds from an airstrike, 10 July)

Rawan Farid Hajjaj, 6 (killed with his mother and sister in an airstrike, Gaza City, 8 July)

Anwar Ismail Abdul Ghani Atallah, 12 (shot in the head, Erez, 5 July)  
Shadi Yousef Omar 16 (shot in the chest by IDF, Beit Lahya, 7 July)  
Mahfouth Farid Nuseir, 16 (killed by missile while playing football, Beit Hanoun, 11 July)  
Ahmad Ghalib Abu Amsha, 16, (killed by missile while playing football, Beit Hanoun, 11 July)  
Ahmad Fathi Shabat, 16 (killed by missile while playing football, Beit Hanoun, 11 July)  
Walid Mahmoud El-Zeinati, 12 (died of shrapnel wounds, Gaza City, 11 July)  
Basma Salmeya, 16 (killed in Israeli airstrike, 12 July, Jabalia)  
Somaya Salmeya, 17 (killed in Israeli airstrike, 12 July, Jabalia)  
Aya Salmeya, 9 (killed in Israeli airstrike, Jabalia, 12 July)  
Yehya Salmeya, 10 (killed in Israeli airstrike, Jabalia, 12 July)  
Nasr Salmeya, 7 (killed in Israeli airstrike, Jabalia, 12 July)  
Huda Salmeya, 13 (killed in Israeli airstrike, Jabalia, 12 July)  
Eman Salmeya, 12 (killed in Israeli airstrike, Jabalia, 12 July)  
Raji Omar Jaber Daifallah, 16 (died of shrapnel wounds from missile, Gaza City, 13 July)  
Ali Kamel Al-Najjar, 16 (killed by Israeli tank shell, Al-Maghazi refugee camp, 19 July)  
Ahmed Ali Al-Na'ami, 16 (killed by Israeli tank shell, Al-Maghazi refugee camp, 19 July)  
Ahmed Rawhi Abu Abdu, 14 (killed by drone missile, Al Nusairat refugee camp, 19 July)  
Mohammed 'awad Muhra, 14 (killed by Israeli bullet to the chest, Al-Maghazi refugee camp, 20 July)  
Fadwa Faisal Al-'arrouqi, 13 (died from shrapnel wounds, Gaza City, 20 July)  
Saleh Ibrahim Nasser, 14 (killed by artillery fire, Beit Hanoun, 24 July)  
Khitam Mohammed Rebhi Tayeh, 11 (killed by artillery fire, Beit Hanoun, 24 July)  
Ashraf 'abdullah 'awad Abu Zaher, 14 (shot in the back, Khan Younis, 25 July)  
Nahid Mohammed Fawzi Al-Shanbari, 16 (killed by artillery fire, Beit Hanoun, 31 July)  
'Aaref Ahmed Abu Qaida, 14 (killed by artillery fire, Beit Hanoun, 1 August)  
Anis Salem Abu Awad, 12 (killed by airstrike, Al-Shouka, 2 August)  
Ammar Rajaa Al-Natour, 17 (killed by drone missile, Al Shouka, 5 August)  
Kifah Rajaa Al-Natour, 15 (killed by drone missile, Al Shouka, 5 August)  
Ibrahim Suleiman Al-Rumailat, 13 (killed by drone missile, Al Shouka, 5 August)  
Ahmed Yousef 'abed 'aashour, 13 (killed by missile fire, Beit Hanoun, 14 August)  
Mohammed 'abdullah Al-Ziq, 14 (killed by drone missile, Gaza City, 29 August)  
Nidal 'abdul 'aziz Al-Dahdouh, 14 (killed by rifle fire, Gaza City, 30 August)  
Jihad Selmi Abu Snaima, 14 (killed by artillery fire, Rafah, 10

September)

In the above list, you will notice one name, that of Aref Abu Qaida, is highlighted. Aref was 16 years old when on the 1st August 2006 he had just finished playing football with his friend. His friend, Sharif Harafin, 15, who was with him at the time, explains what happened:

"We had been playing football and we had just finished. I was carrying the ball. I was going to my home, and [Aref] was going to his home. I heard a loud boom and then I saw him cut to pieces. His chest was torn out by the rocket. People were collecting parts of his body. I was crying a lot."

Many of the other children, the youngest just 3 days old, were murdered in similar fashion by the Zionist state. Normal decent human beings must take a stand against the brutal and inhuman policies of the state of Israel. The slaughter of Palestinians, young and old alike, by Israel has been continuing for almost 100 years. If we do take a stand now and reject these acts of inhumanity in the name of the bogus war on terror that many Westerners tacitly support, in 10 years' time, there will be no Palestinians left alive, and you will have played a part in the genocide.

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