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I am working for a women's peace group in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, we witness, document and publicise human rights abuses and peacefully intervene to prevent them. This blog is a brief account of the things I have seen in the West Bank, more detailed reports on these events can be found on the IWPS web page



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Ten Year Old Boy Shot Dead by Israeli Soldier at Demonstration in Ni'lin

While finishing the post below, news came through that a 10 year old boy called Ahmed Ussam Yusef Mousa, has been killed by an Israeli soldier during a demonstration in Ni'lin. He was shot in the head with live ammunition from close range and died instantly.

Having seen the behaviour of soldiers in Ni'lin over the past couple of weeks it is horrible to say that this tragic and utterly deplorable death does not come as a surprise. This murderous, brutal and illegal occupation must be brought to an end and the Israeli state must be held to account for the appalling crimes it has committed. For Ahmed and his family, like many others, it is already too late. Let it not be too late for the next victim.

From ISM media:

A 10 year old boy called Ahmed Ussam Yusef Mousa was shot dead at approximately 6pm near the Palestinian village of Ni'lin. He was shot once in the head at close range with live ammunition. According to eye witnesses a group of youths attempted to remove coils of razor wire from land belonging to the village. Without warning, they were fired upon and Ahmed was killed.

Israeli newspaper Maariv reported in March that the Israeli authorities have given a new order to border police operating along the apartheid wall surrounding Jerusalem. They can now open fire directly on Palestinians who try to demonstrate near the barrier. But

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According to ISM volunteers inside Ni'lin, confrontations are now taking place between villagers and the Israeli forces; shots have been heard and five people are said to have been wounded. Demonstrations have been held almost every day for the past few weeks as near Nil'in against Israel's Apartheid Wall, declared illegal by the International Court in the Hague in 2004. The wall will deprive the village of almost 2,500 Dunums of agricultural land, and put the existence of the entire community in doubt. The Israeli Army and Border Police have been increasingly ill-disciplined and violent in response to the demonstrations.

At least 11 other Palestinians have died protesting against Israeli's apartheid wall. Their names are:

- Mohammad Fadel Hashem Rayan, age 25
- Zakaria MaHmud Salem, age 28
- Abdal Rahman Abu Eid, age 62
- Mohammad Daud Badwan, age 21
- Diaa Abdel Karim Abu Eid, age 24
- Hussain mahmud Awwad Aliyan, age 17
- Islam Hashem Rizik Zhahran, age 14
- Alaa Mohammad Abdel Rahman Khalil, age 14
- Jamal Jaber Ibrahim Assi, age 15
- Odai Mofeed Mahmud Assi, age 14
- Mahayub Nimer Assi, age 15.

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