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The Palestine Solidarity Alliance condemns the shooting of youth activist, Mohammed Tamimi



The Palestine Solidarity Alliance expresses our heartfelt condolences to the family of Mohammed Tamimi, a Palestinian youth activist who was shot by Israeli Occupation Forces for the second time yesterday. We are all well aware of the fact that the brutality of the Israeli Occupation Forces knows no bound but we are yet again shocked at how heartless they can be. In 2018, Mohammed Tamimi was shot in the head by the occupation forces trying to take over his village, Nabi Saleh. The small village lies

northwest of Ramallah in the occupied West Bank and is well acquainted with the raids by the IOF.

The Tamimi family, in particular, has consistently been targeted by Zionist forces in Nabi Saleh. Ahed, Mohammed's sister, was arrested for slapping an Israeli soldier in the face after being harassed repeatedly, and their father has been subjected to arbitrary detention. Despite this, they have remained steadfast and resilient in their calls for the liberation of Palestine from Israeli occupation.

When he was just 15 years old, Mohammed Tamimi was shot in the head with a rubber-coated steel bullet by Israeli soldiers while demonstrating in his village. This caused serious damage to his skull, and put him into a coma which lasted four days. While awaiting surgery in the occupied territories, Tamimi was forced to undergo an interrogation by Israeli forces who attempted to coerce him into claiming that injuries sustained to his head happened because he fell off of his bicycle. Tamimi had the bullet removed from his head and soon after, he was brought to South Africa for reconstructive surgery, where he underwent a cosmetic procedure as well, although a significant amount of the damage caused was irreversible.

Yesterday, 19 year old Tamimi was shot in the head again. Zionist forces attacked him during an invasion of Nabi Saleh, forcing him into surgery. He has since been hospitalised. It is worthwhile



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remembering that Tamimi is one of many children who have borne the brunt of Israeli brutality in occupied Palestine. Hundreds of children are jailed and dozens more killed every year.

The Palestine Solidarity Alliance strongly condemns Israel's treatment not only of Palestinian children, but of all Palestinians as they fight for their right to self-determination in the face of Israeli occupation. As we commemorate youth month in South Africa, we are acutely aware of the struggles waged and won by the class of 1976 against apartheid. The parallels between their bravery and the bravery of countless young people in Palestine are not lost on us. The Tamimi siblings in particular, remind us of the proud spirit of defiance against an apartheid regime. We pray for Mohammed's speedy recovery and a free Palestine in the near future.

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