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Muhammad Tamimi - another Palestinian child killed by Israel

“I feel no physical pain. The pain in my heart is way too big.”

- Haitham Tamimi after his son, Muhammad Tamimi, was shot and martyred



The world has watched in silence as Israel's settler-colonial, racist regime has targeted innocent Palestinian women and children. It is no secret that Israeli snipers are instructed to maim the future generation of Palestinians by specifically targeting Palestinian children with bullets in their spines so that they are crippled for life. Israel's brutality, human rights violations, and war crimes know no bounds.

Four days ago, Israeli Occupation Forces brutally attacked the Palestinian village of Nabi Saleh in the West Bank, resulting in numerous casualties, including life threatening injuries to the Tamimi family. Young Muhammad Tamimi was shot in the head with a live bullet, resulting in him losing his life at only two years old. He is the 27th Palestinian child, and the youngest one, to be targeted and killed by Israeli soldiers, who will not be held to account for their actions.

As the Palestine Solidarity Alliance, we are extremely saddened by the murder of young Muhammad and the injuries inflicted on the Tamimi family, both physical and emotional, by the Israeli Occupation Forces. We mourn the passing of Muhammad and the knowledge that he will not be the last Palestinian child to be targeted by and lose their life to Israel's brutal occupation and Apartheid regime.

As the global community, and as human beings, we have failed at ensuring that Palestinian children are safeguarded and protected. Palestinian children have the right to live in an environment where they feel

safe and are not continually targeted by Israeli soldiers and settler terrorists. The trauma inflicted on Palestinian children due to constant exposure to violence will leave scars for generations to come.

We echo the sentiments of comrade Mandla Mandela calling for Israel to be charged for state terrorism due to the killing of Muhammad Tamimi. The International Criminal Court needs to investigate Israel for its continuous human rights violations and war crimes against the Palestinians, who continue to suffer under its illegal occupation and Apartheid regime. The settle-colonial state will do all in its power to erase Palestinians and finish the ethnic cleansing that it started in 1948. This is evident when we look at the statistics; with 2022 being the deadliest year for Palestinians with 146 killed.



In a fair and just world, the Israeli soldiers responsible for shooting at Muhammad Tamimi and his father's car, ultimately resulting in his death, would be charged with murder and punished accordingly but under Israeli occupation and Apartheid, there is no justice for the Palestinians. We call on the South African government to ensure that Israel is held accountable for its actions; including the murder of Shireen Abu Akleh, sixteen-year old Jana Zakarneh and now Muhammad Tamimi (and the hundreds of others who have lost their lives).

We convey our heartfelt condolences to the Tamimi family who have suffered such a heart-breaking loss. We reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that Israel is held to account for its actions so that all Palestinian children can live in a safe country, free from occupation.

Rest in peace sweet Muhammad; one day soon we will end Israel's occupation so that your loved ones can live peacefully and safely and carry on our memory.

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