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Inhoud

- Annual Solemn Meeting of the UN General Assembly Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.
Talk by Phyllis Bennis - TNI Fellow, TNI Website, 29 November 2002 > Zie <http://www.tni.org/issues/israel/index.htm>
- Quote: "President Bush asked whether United Nations "resolutions [are] to be honored and enforced, or cast aside without consequence." We in the NGO movement know the answer to that question. Our challenge to you, the United Nations, is to join us in a global effort to honor and enforce UN resolutions -- ALL the UN resolutions. Those resolutions are consistent. They require an end to Israeli occupation of Palestine, and protection for the Palestinian people. And they place that obligation squarely on the United Nations. We look to you, again, with hope." Universele Verklaring van de Rechten van de Mens sinds 10-12-1948
- In Gent geeft dit jaar de " Liga voor Mensenrechten" haar prijs aan Gretta Duisenberg.
> <http://www.ligavoormensenrechten.be/actueel.htm#prijs> Resolutie 194 [terugkeer Palestijnse vluchtelingen, een mensenrecht!] werd - niet toevallig - op 11-12-1948 aangenomen. Meer hierover in: www.badil.org/Publications/Briefs/I&D_Briefs.htm
Anja Meulenbelt presenteert haar nieuwe boek: 'Een spiegel liegt niet' en biedt de eerste exemplaren aan aan Gretta Duisenberg, (www.StopdeBezetting.nl) en Michael Warschawski (<http://www.alternativenews.org/>).

Voor wie het nog niet wist: 8-12 in De Balie Amsterdam om 20.00 uur, meer hierna.

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- Onderstaande 3 berichten - uit vele - zouden op 10-12 zeker aanleiding moeten zijn voor Kamervragen.
Wie nog wakker moeten worden is te vinden via www.overheid.nl, www.parlement.nl en vooral via http://www.bbo.org/recente_documenten.htm.

- 1 - Oproep via <http://www.tfm.net/> te Nabloes: Request to Israel to Investigate Murder. Soldiers who commit war crimes should not be immune and should be brought to justice like other criminals.
Met de verantwoordelijke politici! Het Strafhof te Den Haag [N.B.] krijgt hier ook werk.
- 2 - Courage under fire, The Guardian, 27-11-2002 For almost a year Caoimhe Butterly has been standing in the way of Israeli tanks and troops in Jenin. Last Friday she was shot by a soldier - but she still won't leave, she tells Katie Barlow > <http://www.guardian.co.uk/g2/story/0,3604,848369,00.html>
- 3 - Child killed and seventeen children, woman and elderly man injured in Jenin, 2-12-2002
Ovr vrijheid van meningsuiting [zie <http://www.pvda.be/>]. De aanklacht tegen Annemie Mels die op 28-9 in het Oosterpark werd gearresteerd wegens belediging van Bush [Bush-Hitler-vergelijking] is ingetrokken. Gore Vidal doet dezelfde vergelijking [Groene Amsterdammer 9-11-2002].

NPK/WL, 7-12-2002 ■

8 december - De Balie

(Kleine Gartmanplantsoen/Leidseplein) te Amsterdam, om 20.00 uur.

Anja Meulenbelt presenteert haar nieuwe boek: 'Een spiegel liegt niet' (uitgeverij Bulaaq), en biedt de eerste exemplaren aan aan Greta Duisenberg (initiatiefnemster van de actie Stop de Bezetting) en Michael Warschawski (oprichter van het Alternatieve Informatie Centrum in Israël).

Michael Warschawski zal een lezing houden (in het Engels) gevuld door een paneldiscussie en discussie in de zaal.

Motto: Naar een rechtvaardig Israël?

Is er nog een oplossing voor het Palestijns-Israëlsche conflict en hoe ziet dat er uit? Wat gaat het worden: twee onafhankelijke staten naast elkaar, één democratische multiculturele samenleving, een apartheidstaat, of wordt het Groot-Israël, na de verdrijving van de Palestijnen?

Hoe ligt het krachtenveld binnen Israël zelf, tussen links en rechts, tussen zionistisch links en post-zionistisch links? Hoe krachtig is de vredesbeweging, is er nog sprake van werkelijke oppositie? Is er nog sprake van een werkelijke democratie binnen Israël en wat betekennen de spanningen binnen Israël zelf, en de nieuwe verkiezingen, voor de Palestijnen?

Michael Warschawski:

"Mijn hart gaat uit naar het Palestijnse volk - dag in, dag uit vloeit zijn bloed en wordt zijn bestaan door Israëlische soldaten vermindert. Mijn woede richt zich op de Israëlische leiders, van Ariel Sharon tot Shimon Peres, en op George W. Bush. Mijn schaamte over al het kwaad dat in mijn naam en in de naam van mijn in Treblinka en Majdanek afgeslachte voorouders wordt gepleegd, is grenzeloos. Maar mijn angst geldt het Israëlische volk."

'Een Spiegel liegt nicht', Andere stemmen uit Israël"

Samenstelling en inleiding: Anja Meulenbelt, uitgeverij Bulaaq.

Het boek bevat een bundeling van boze artikelen geschreven door Israëlische auteurs als Amira Hass, Gideon Levy, Uri Avnery, Ilan Pappe, Menachim Klein, Jeff Halper, Tanya Reinhart en Michael Warschawski. Zij allen vertegenwoordigen wat wel het 'Andere Israël' genoemd wordt. Deze groep vredesactivisten laat onafgebroken hun stem horen: tegen de bezetting, tegen de voortgaande bouw van nederzettingen, tegen de oorlog jegens de Palestijnen.

Tegelijk met deze bundel wordt ook een boek van Amira Hass gedoopt:

'Drinkend uit de zee van Gaza' (Uitgeverij de Balie), een persoonlijk relaas over het leven in de Gazastrook.

De avond is georganiseerd en ondersteund door De Balie/NCDO/Stichting SIVMO/Uitgeverij Bulaaq/Uitgeverij de Balie. Plaats reserveren (7.50 euro) aangeraden: 020 - 55 35 100.

Meer info over stichting Kifaia, klik op de website hiernaast: <http://www.xs4all.nl/~kifaia>

Kijk ook op de Nederlandse Palestina website, beslist de moeite waard: <http://palestina.pagina.nl> ■

Request Israel to Investigate Our Mother's Murder

Appeal for Action Justice for All.. More than fifty days have passed since the senseless murder of our mother, Shaden Saleh Abu-Hijleh, by the Israeli Army (IDF) acting in the city of Nablus on 11 October 2002. Israeli soldiers deliberately shot her while she was sitting inside our home working on a piece of embroidery. Our father Dr. Jamal Abu-Hijleh and brother Saed were injured and miraculously escaped death. Our mother was a peace activist and philanthropist. She dedicated her life to helping the poor, and was a member of several local organizations that extend support to needy families. The inconceivable circumstances of our mother's murder brought about international and local condemnation of the IDF actions against Palestinian innocent civilians in general and her case in particular. The Israeli Government had promised whoever appro-

ached them about the case, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross, the United Nations, human rights organizations, journalists and even the United States Government, to conduct a serious investigation. To this date no one received any information about the investigation, and we are not sure if one is actually underway. We, the family and friends of Shaden Abu-Hijleh, vowed to pursue the case of her murder to try to bring the ones responsible to justice. Many concerned people around the world expressed willingness to help and support our endeavor. Lawyer Hussein Abu-Hussein who represents us on the case addressed a letter to the State of Israel Prime Minister, the Minister of Defense, the Attorney General, the Military Commander, the Military Police, and the Judge Advocate General requesting an official

investigation to be carried out and expressing the readiness of a number of witnesses to provide sworn affidavits of what actually happened (a translation of the letter is attached for your information and use).

We believe that the IDF and the state of Israel should not be allowed to avoid their obligations of conducting the investigation, making its results public and bringing promptly to justice all the ones responsible for the atrocity committed against our mother, father and brother.

We believe soldiers who commit war crimes should not be immune and should be brought to justice like other criminals. We call upon you to help us by: * Contacting directly the persons mentioned at the end of the appeal and supporting the family's request for an independent, impartial and transparent investigation and requesting that the ones responsible be promptly brought to justice;

* Requesting your Congress/Parliament representatives, local pressure groups to contact the Israeli Ambassadors to your country and the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs to condemn the Israeli Army actions against Palestinian innocent civilians, like Shaden Abu-Hijleh and her family and requesting the Israeli Government to respect its own obligations under international laws;

* Getting in touch with your local media representatives encouraging them to fairly and objectively cover the stories of Palestinian victims of Israeli violence and to investigate and follow up on the unsubstantiated explanations and unmet promises provided by the Israeli Government Official Spokespersons, particularly in the case of Shaden Abu-Hijleh's murder. Help us ensure our mother does not become just another number in the long list of Palestinian victims of the Israeli Occupation. Let us together make the next Israeli soldier on such a mission hesitate before pulling the trigger and killing another Innocent Palestinian Civilian. We kindly ask you to spread our appeal by all means possible to you.

Thank you for your support and for standing up for justice.

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Child killed and seventeen children, woman and elderly man injured in Jenin

Monday, December 02, 2002

Israeli forces killed Mu'taz 'Awdeh (18) this morning in Jenin, and injured another 21, including 17 children, a woman, Jamila Mir'i (48), and an elderly man, Walid Hasanein (65) after indiscriminately firing upon school children throwing stones.

According to information gathered by LAW, at around 8:40am, a unit of Israeli 'Special Forces' (Musta'ribeen - Israeli Special Forces who disguise as Palestinians) in two Palestinian-registered cars headed for the al-Masarwa area of Jenin on Port Said Street, on the outer section of Jenin's old city. Surrounding the home of Basam Abu Obeid, they ordered over loudspeakers the expulsion of all people from the residence. The Special Forces arrested two men, Mohammad 'Aql (22) and Murad Hasanein (23), whom Israel claims are 'wanted' due to their membership in Islamic Jihad.

During this, Israeli forces, including two APCs and four jeeps came to assist the Special Forces. They settled in the eastern and western entrance of the old city, and imposed a curfew upon the city. At around 9: am, school children began returning home after hearing there was a curfew placed on the city, they gathered close to the Israeli forces and began throwing stones at them. Immediately, the Israeli forces opened fire upon them, using heavy, medium and light weaponry, injuring Mu'taz 'Awdeh (18), with a gunshot to the heart. He died on his way to hospital.

Another 21 were injured, 2 of them seriously, according to medical sources at the Dr. Khalil Suleiman hospital. The injured are:

- Mohammad 'Abd al-Fattah (13);
- Ashraf Sibaaneh (14);
- Ibrahim Sibaaneh (15);
- Ahmad Ismail (15);
- Amin Steiti (15);
- Mahmoud
- Zakarneh (15), shot in the back, in a critical condition;

- Fadi Jarrar (16), shrapnel in the waist, in a critical condition;
- Ayman al-Saadi (16);
- Mohammad 'Abd al-Karim (16);
- Mohammad Obeid (16);
- Shadi Qawsini (16);
- Abdullah Abu Ghali (16);
- Hani Kastouni (16);
- Ashraf Abu Rish (16);
- Imad Nasrallah (16);
- Mohammad al-Razi (17);
- Ibrahim Darwish (17);
- Khalil 'Amer (20);
- Nimaan al-Shalabi (25);
- Jamila Mir'i (48);
- Walid Hasanein (65)

More than 1860 people have been killed during this Intifada, including 405 children. Willful killings prohibited under article 3 and 147 of the Fourth Geneva Convention amount to grave breaches, which under the article 8 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and Protocol One to the Fourth Geneva Conventions are defined as war crimes.

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LAW is affiliate to the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH), and the World Organization Against Torture (OMCT)

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