

# NPK-info

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## Inhoud

NOVA prikte op 13-3 nog eens de "Camp David mythe" door [van Barak's edelmoedig aanbod]; een mythe die ook meermalen werd overgenomen in de Kamer [door CDA en VVD].

Zondag TV Nederland 3 plm. 22.30 uur VPRO "7 Dagen" gaat over Sharon toen [Sabra en Shatila] en nu.

### Hieronder

- \* Enkele noodkreten uit zeer vele; uit Jeruzalem, Ramallah en Gaza.
- \* Please Give Us a Veto Next Time, by Ramzi E. Khoury

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### Aanvullend

- \* Ramallah Diary by Amira Hass, Ha'aretz, 13-3- 2002

<http://www.haaretz.co.il/hasen/pages/ShArt.jhtml?itemNo=140628&contrassID=2& subContrassID=1&sbSubContrassID=0&listSrc=Y>

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- \* Israeli war against Palestinian refugee camps; <http://www.lawsociety.org/Press/Preleases/2002/march/marw1.html>

### Ministers reageerden

[http://www.norwaypost.no/content.asp?folder\\_id=1&cluster\\_id=19019](http://www.norwaypost.no/content.asp?folder_id=1&cluster_id=19019)

<http://www.volkskrant.nl/nieuws/internationaal/1015602459998.html>

<http://www.buza.nl/menu.asp?Key=257243&Pad=257220>

Bijgaand een voorbeeldbrief aan de Kamercommissie die 19-3 bijeenkomt; voeg de noodkreten toe in bijlage.

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### Help the lawyers in Belgium who are suing Sharon.

<http://www.petitiononline.com/warcrime>

- \* Please sign this petition and forward it

### Sharon's getuigen uit 1982 worden "opgeruimd"

Zie <http://www.thescotsman.co.uk/international.cfm?id=275852002>

### Detailed on Palestinian deaths and injuries:

<http://www.p-p-o.com>

<http://www.moh.gov.ps>

<http://www.hdip.org>

<http://www.lawsociety.org>

<http://www.miftah.org>

[http://www.palestinercs.org/Latest\\_CrisisUpdates\\_Figures&Graphs.htm](http://www.palestinercs.org/Latest_CrisisUpdates_Figures&Graphs.htm)

<http://www.palestinercs.org/images/graphs/agedistribution2.gif>

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# Een voorbeeldbrief aan de Kamercommissie

Meer of andere adressen zie [www.parlement.nl](http://www.parlement.nl).

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Onderwerp: **Stop Israel**

Aan de Kamercommissie Buitenlandse Zaken der Tweede Kamer.

Geachte volksvertegenwoordigers,

Zie enkele recente bijlagen m.b.t. Palestina-Israel.

Bij deze doe ik dan ook een zeer dringend beroep op u

- \* om er alles aan te doen om een eind te maken aan de met zeer grof militair geweld doorgevoerde Israelische bezettingspolitiek in alle in 1967 bezette gebieden.
- \* om te zorgen voor onmiddellijke internationale bescherming van de burgerbevolking in die bezette Palestijnse Gebieden.
- \* om te zorgen voor sancties tegen Israel zolang de bezetting [al bijna 35 jaar] van betreffende gebieden doorgaat.
- \* om te zorgen voor berechting van allen die verantwoordelijk zijn voor oorlogsmisdaden in de bezette gebieden gelet op de Vierde Geneefse Conventie.

Om het bovenstaande te doen hebt u mogelijkheden op de VN-conferentie voor mensenrechten te Geneve later deze maand; op 19 maart bespreekt u de houding van Nederland daar. Mogelijkheden zijn er ook in EU-verband en VN-verband.

Het tolereren dat relevante VN-resoluties [181, 242/338, 194,...] en de Vierde Geneefse Conventie dode letters blijven maakt medeplichting aan onderdrukking. Laat Nederland, gelet ook op de bijlagen, in al haar internationale verbanden daadkrachtig optreden.  
Geen vrede zonder gerechtigheid.

Hoogachtend,

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## *Appeal!!*

*Dear friends and partners,*

Since more than two weeks till now, the Israeli occupation is waging a complete destructive war against us. Their violations of our basic human rights and provisions of both the 4th Geneva Convention and other International Covenants on Human Rights, as documented by Amnesty and other International Human Rights organizations, were in its peak.

Attacking and re-occupying our cities, villages and the refugee camps is a clear declaration of war against the whole Palestinian nation and not only its Authority. It is especially cruel to do this to refugee camps after ethnically cleansing people from their lands.

The Israeli occupation army has invented a special method for its house-to-house searches by walking and driving through the walls to protect its soldiers from the Palestinian freedom fighters. The military attacks continued throughout day and night, while Red Crescent and UN ambulances have been prevented from reaching the wounded and are being shot at. Many doctors and Medical Aids were killed or injured due to this barbarian acts. Eye witnesses reported that many injured were left on the streets, some of them were left in front of their children, bleeding till they die. The 11 year old kid who was left bleeding till his death at Qalandia check point is a clear evident on such brutal treatment. The Israeli tanks supported by Apache helicopters and F-16's warplanes attacked various areas in Palestine killing and injuring many people, destroying their homes and residences, destroying buildings, offices, police stations and other infra structures. Sharon's army has reached its lowest morals, converting Palestinian schools into torture and interrogating chambers to question the thousands of Palestinians who were arrested during these raids. Cutting the electricity, the telephone lines and the water supplies on thousands of people is a clear act of Collective Punishment. Bulldozing vast agricultural lands demolishing homes for no reason is another war crime which needs to be addressed. The tight siege, the blockades, digging the streets and putting cement blocks and sands forbid people from going to work and from reaching hospitals for medical treatment. In many areas especially in the refugee camps there is a shortage of food, water and milk for the infants. The Israeli forces prevented the surrounding areas from helping the camps by providing them with the necessary food supply. There is a threat of starvation in some villages and in all refuge camps.

Who would believe that at this very moment the same US government which is waging a global campaign against terrorism, is supporting and funding the Israeli state terrorism with about \$5 billion per year which is about \$14 million per day. It is really hard to imagine

that such crimes are permitted by the international community in the year 2002.

We in the East Jerusalem YMCA were badly effected by these measures. Many of our staff is locked inside the areas under total curfews. Most of our activities are frozen. The staff can't reach their offices and their clients to provide them with the needed support. Many of our staffs' homes were hit and shelled. The car of one of our staff in Bethlehem was damaged. We fear that some of our staff was arrested but we don't have concrete information yet. Our offices in Tulkarem and Jenin were hit and the entrance doors were destroyed and removed. The soldiers entered the two offices and we don't have information on what was taken from the offices. We, in the management team, are not able to meet or even to communicate regularly with each other and with our staff.

Beside this, the entire organization is passing through a very difficult financial crises which forbid us from giving our staff their salaries for the last month. This add to the difficulty of our staff maintain their and their families lives. We are not sure whether we will be able to give them salaries for this month too.

Many people are looking at the YMCA in this difficult time for help and support but we are ourselves at stake.

We appeal to you with anger, frustration but also with hope to stop this massacre against us. It is impossible for the entire world to keep silent when it comes to Israel. We urge you to write to your governments, parliamentarians asking them to interfere. We urge you to write to President Bush to include Israel and Zionism in his war against terrorism. We urge you to write Sharon and his embassies to stop this war against the whole Palestinian nation.

Albert Einstein wrote once that "The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it."

Till then we remain,

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## **Please distribute.**

*Still under curfew, email circulation from homes only.*

The 'Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees' and 'Physicians for Human Rights - Israel' jointly appeal for an end to the humanitarian nightmare in the Palestinian territories.

Ramallah is now under complete occupation, 120 tanks are present on the streets, and both helicopters and tanks are bombarding different neighborhoods with missiles. Two hospitals, the Ramallah Hospital and Ramallah Maternity Hospital, have been fired upon by Israeli troops. Also, as in many places in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, soldiers have this morning fired upon two ambulances in Ramallah.

Additionally the Israeli army is preventing access to medical care for the sick and wounded, by forbidding their movement to hospital, and also by refusing medical teams access to them for treatment at the scene.

Clearly, preventing access to the wounded will lead to more deaths; preventing sick people from receiving treatment will also contribute to more deaths.

We urgently demand action from the world - international and humanitarian organizations must immediately force the Israeli government to halt this atrocity. We call upon you to demonstrate, to call governmental representatives, to take any action that will allow Palestinian wounded and ill to receive medical treatment - preventing more unnecessary deaths. We also plead for foreign governments to act to bring an immediate halt to this aggression by the Israeli army, and an end to this humanitarian crisis.

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*Monday, March 11, 2002 12:07 PM*

## **... we need your help...**

totally occupied in ramallah, shelling and shooting, the battle of Amari has started last night. and the PNGO people are unable to get to their work. Please help circulate this appeal, especially first to the media and then others on your list. Thanks Rita The Palestine Monitor A PNGO Information Clearinghouse

We are unable to reach our contact lists, so we would greatly appreciate you circulating this as widely as possible. Sharon continues his massacre Israeli troops occupy completely Ramallah The Israeli army has entered Ramallah and has completely occupied and imposed a curfew on the whole city, the center of the Palestinian Authority and all humanitarian organisations.

The Israeli army invaded with tanks and military, under the cover of apache helicopters, and bombarding several areas of the city. The Israeli army refuses to allow all but one ambulance to move, thereby freezing medical

care, leaving many injured people left untreated. Three Palestinians have been reported dead in Ramallah, and tens injured. Many buildings throughout the city have been occupied, and in many apartment blocks, soldiers are forcing all families in the building into one flat, occupying the building

Last night the Israeli army also invaded Jabalia refugee camp in the Gaza Strip; 18 Palestinians have been killed so far. Over the last week, Sharon has been conducting a gradual massacre of the Palestinian people, killing approximately 160 Palestinians since the beginning of this month in aggressive attacks on Nablus, Jenin, Tulkarem, Qalqilya, Bethlehem, Gaza and now Ramallah, and injuring more than 1000 people. The Palestinian civilian population has no way of protecting itself from Sharon's aggressive attacks. Sharon - the war criminal of Sabra and Shatila will continue his attacks on Palestinians unless international intervention forces him otherwise. We call urgently on the international community to intervene and provide international protection for the Palestinian people.

For more information,  
call Mustafa Barghouti -059 254 218 ■

## **No Place is Safe in Gaza**

The Union of Health Work Committees (UHC) in Gaza appeals to friends and colleagues in the international community to call upon their government to stop Israel's aggression against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Israeli occupying forces frequently prevent our emergency health crews from evacuating casualties, sometimes causing patients to bleed to death.

In recent weeks, several Palestinian paramedics and doctors have been shot and killed by Israeli forces in the course of their duties. Our medical facilities in the northern part of the Gaza Strip are receiving increasing numbers of children who are showing symptoms of hysteria, sleeping disorders, and other kinds of mental and emotional trauma.

Movement between different areas of the Gaza Strip is now prohibited denying our health crews and patients access to workplaces and treatment. Isolated rural areas are almost completely without medical care.

Daily air raids by Israeli F-16 Fighters jets, Helicopter have damaged a number of schools and have completely disrupted educational activities. The UN has had to close down three schools located in highly populated residential areas, after they had been damaged in Israeli air raids.

**CHILDREN ARE AFRAID TO RETURN TO SCHOOL AND FEEL THAT NO PLACE IS SAFE IN GAZA**

The Palestinian people are badly in need of international protection.

For more details, please contact Dr. Mona El - Farra:

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### ***Union of Health Work Committees - Gaza***

## **Urgent Press Release**

Las night, at around 10 p.m., 30 - 40 Israeli tanks mounted an incursion into the town of Beit - Lahya, occupying it and continued until they reached the edge of Jabalia refugee camp. As the tanks approached the camp, they opened fire from their mounted heavy machine guns, straight into the houses. In the first (10) minutes of the incursion, they had killed (13) civilians, many of whom were shot while standing at their own doorsteps. The Israeli tanks then continued their assault and blew up several buildings, including one which was housing (9) laborers from Khanyounis who were sleeping in their workshop due to the Israeli imposed closure.

During the incursion, the Israeli tanks surrounded Al - Awda Hospital and prevented both medical staff, patients and ambulances from reaching it. Despite the fact that the hospital is located in the camp, only (6) of the injured could be brought to the hospital. They were carried through the alleyways, on foot. The rest of the injuries had to be taken all the way to Al - Shifa Hospital, which takes the ambulance around half an hour to reach. This delay in reaching medical assistance lead to the death of many of the injured.

Israeli spical forces used an ambulance to enter the camp and reached Al - Dura Pediatric Hospital. The

total number of deaths from last night's attack was (22), and (80) were injured, (10) of whom are in critical condition. One of the injured was a deaf and dumb civilian who was shot outside his house.

The denial of access to health facilities is a clear violation of the Geneva IV convention and is a breach of the Universal Declaration for Human Right and the Convention of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

As signatories to the Geneva IV Convention, the international community is obliged to ensure that the Israeli governments complies with its obligation. We call on the international community to exert maximum pressure on the Israeli government to cease it violations of the convention and to send international observers to ensure it compliance with the convention.

We believe that last night's incursion was a trial-run for a bigger attack on the camp. We call on our friends to help us meet the cost of providing the medical services that the next few weeks will require.

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Union of Health Work Committees - Gaza ■

# Please Give Us a Veto Next Time

By Ramzi E. Houry

As much as it seems a victory for the Arab World that the USA did not veto its own Security Council resolution discussing a vision for two side-by-side states, naming Palestine for the first time as one of them, the resolution ensured that no bread and butter were put on the table.

Knowing well that what was needed was a clear resolution demanding that Israel ends its illegal occupation and comply with United Nations Resolutions immediately or else face some of the consequences the non-conforming "evil states" have seen or expecting to see soon, the USA instead mentioned the word "Palestine."

The least expected was a demand for an immediate halt to the Israeli aggression but that was killed by America's resolution that went describing a vision of an independent Palestinian state, worry about the violence, need to respect international law and of course a salute to the Saudi initiative.

The resolution could have been comprised of the similarly wise words of "twinkle twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are," and achieved the same results on the ground.

Syria, representing this looked-down-upon part of the world at the Security Council could not vote against the obvious, yet couldn't get itself to vote for nothing either, so it rightfully abstained; yet another reason why it is considered a radical state in the region.

What other power of aggression in the world is allowed to get away with invading cities, besieging whole populations without food, water or electricity, kidnapping children and old men from their homes, killing civilians and foreign journalists and shooting several others trying to do their duty and cutting off all routes to hospitals as well as shooting to kill medics and keep ambulances away from the injured and dead? Even in full-blown wars amongst nations, the families of the dead are allowed to bury the bodies of their loved ones. But not in Ramallah, the temporary makeshift capital of Palestine, that is facing the mighty state terrorism of bloody Israel with its naked body and pure will.

All of this is why the Security Council met in an emergency session yesterday. So what is it exactly that happened to these urgent humanitarian grievances and why is the world hailing a resolution that doesn't even mention Israel as an aggressor?

The United States has turned from the sponsor of peace in the region to the sponsor of Israel's brutality. This is why the Palestinians cannot even understand why would Anthony Zinni show up in the region now, and how could his administration declare that he is coming with a proposal for a cease-fire for the two sides to discuss.

The Palestinians who have seized-fire several times already, accepted all American proposals and continue to hail any two sentences put together regarding peace, are not very hopeful that another discussion for a cease fire will save their children from the imminent death they are facing. Knowing all too well that Ariel Sharon will dare not do what he is doing without an American cover and protection, Zinni is arriving in the area as an agent of inhumanity, not a sponsor of peace.

It is time that the Arabs attempt a United Nations Resolution assailing the US administration, the world's judge and executioner, for letting Israel do what has never been done to a nation before. Let the American administration veto that in even more humiliation than when it vetoes resolutions assailing Israel, why not, when it comes to Palestine, the United Nations is a club of resolution attempts and thundering vetoes!

America's vetoes are easier on Palestine's stabbed and bleeding heart than the romantic resolution that was meant to save Israel's butt yet another time, only to allow it to continue its carnage and death.

As for Zinni, will he dare face the American war machine driven by Israel in Ramallah or will he ask Yasser Arafat to meet with him elsewhere? May be Israel will plug its gun barrels for a quiet meeting, it will give its soldiers a brief break while the Ex-General is trying to save his country's face with another declared public lie. ■