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<http://electronicintifada.net/new.shtml>

- Steun Marwan Barghouti <http://www.freebarghouti.org>

- Steun www.stopdebezetting.nl

Tienduizend handtekeningen zijn binnen; veel meer zijn er nog nodig.

South African Speaker Says Israel Is Apartheid State

<http://www.montrealmuslimnews.net/jeenah.htm>

Declaration: <http://www.psc.za.org/pscсаourdeclaration.htm>

As Sharon escalates his criminal war against defenceless Palestinians, Arafat has the courage and defiance to resist,

Edward Said <http://www.ahram.org.eg/weekly/2002/605/sup21.htm>

Shaden Abu Hijleh vermoord, net als vele anderen.

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Bericht hieronder, doe er wat mee.

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More details on this demolition and Beit Sahour:

<http://www.rapprochement.org/>

<http://www.poica.org/casestudies/Beit%20Sahour%20Housing%20Complex/>

<http://www.beitsahourmunicipality.com>

<http://www.hcef.org/news/news/index.cfm/dsp/newsview/itemid/816.htm>

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- Vlaardingen-West Albert Heijn Wiardi Beckmansingel, van 14 tot 15.30 uur

- **Landelijke demonstratie 'Geen oorlog tegen Irak'**

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Zaterdag 26 oktober in Amsterdam <http://www.wereldcrisis.nl/>

- Eerste zondag van de maand: Dag van de Palestijnse vlag

Discussie

Werkgroep 'Politiek Café PvdA Amsterdam' organiseert een Palestina-Israel-discussie.

Vrijdag 18 oktober om 20 uur in Carels 2, Saenredamstraat 32, 1072CH Amsterdam.

Voorzitter Gretta Duisenberg.

Inleidingen door Milo Anstadt [EAJG] en Robert Soeterik [MERA]

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The Murder of a Peace Activist

A Eulogy by Rahab Abdulhadi I am saddened to report that Shaden Abu Hijleh, a school teacher, a social justice activist, and mother to my sister-in-law, Lana Abu Hijleh, was murdered in cold blood by the Israeli military in her house in Nablus yesterday. Auntie Shaden, as we fondly called her, was sitting in front of her glass balcony inside her house, with her husband, Dr. Jamal and her son, Saed, a professor of social geography at Najah University in Nablus. She was embroidering when an Israeli military jeep stopped in front of the house. A soldier got out, went to the back of the jeep, picked up a weapon and started shooting (Details of the cold blooded murder are available below and also from radio tariq el-mahabbeh from amerhadi@tmfm.net). The funeral for Shaden Abu Hijleh will take place tomorrow in Nablus. Condolences can be sent to her husband, Dr. Jamal, and to her daughter, Lana, chief engineer with UNDP's Program of Assistance to the Palestinian People, and Board Chair, Palestinian Popular Arts Ensemble. Also receiving condolences are her sons, Saed; Raed and Rami. In 1967, Shaden Abu Hijleh resigned her post as a school teacher to protest Israeli decision to alter the curriculum in Palestinian schools. Instead, she dedicated her time to activism, getting involved in grassroots organizing on a host of issues, ranging from opposition to house demolitions and land confiscations, to literacy campaigns and income-generating projects for women. As well, Auntie Shaden co-founded the Palestinian Society for the Protection of the Environment. Nabulsis fondly remember her reprimanding folks for cigarette smoking, regardless of their age, gender, or social standing. On one of my visits to Nablus, she gave me "No Smoking" sign in Arabic and English. More recently, Shaden Abu Hijleh was active in distributing food for the hungry in Nablus; dividing the donated flour, sugar, rice and milk into small packages and taking them to needy families who lost their livelihood due to high unemployment rates exasperated by a curfew that has lasted 113 days. Shaden Abu Hijleh, was elected and served on the Executive Committee of the Women's Social and Cultural Association, Women's Affairs Center, and a number of social justice groups in Nablus. To her family and friends, Auntie Shaden was known for her generosity and love of life. She always found the time to visit relatives and friends. She never neglected to invite you over for a great lunch at the center of which was a specialty of hers-stuffed grape leaves layered with stuffed zucchinis. Auntie Shaden had a great smile and a lot of energy. She tended her garden with the same loving care she tended her children and now grandchildren: Zeina, Yasmeen, and Nadia who have not seen their grandmother since May. Because they live in Jerusalem, it has become too dangerous for them to make the trip to Nablus with their parents. When my nieces will ask,

"where is grandma Shaden?", no answer will restore the smiles stolen from their innocent faces. When they insist: "Who hurt her?" What should we say? We are hoping the Auntie Shaden will get a funeral and a proper burial tomorrow. We are hoping that those who respected her and loved her will be able to pay their respects and say goodbye to this wonderful women. We are hoping that her youngest, Rami, will be able to get through the Bridge from Jordan in time to make his mother's funeral. Today, we can only hope for a dignified death; no more do we dare dream of life. I share with you my grief for this wonderful woman--a lovely soul whose life was taken away. I share my grief and I hope that you will join me and raise your voices to say enough! Do something to show your anger; please do not become jaded to the killings. Make the life of Shaden Abu Hijleh count and remember her name! Details of the Coldblooded Murder and the Ensuing Shock The jeep was roaming the city. Inside it, a bunch of model Israeli soldiers, they have all the qualifications of the typical Israeli occupation army requests; ruthlessness, blood-thirst and sadism. The jeep approach Street 15 in the Rafidya area in Nablus, residential buildings and villas were the theme of the area. Dr. Jamal Abu Hijleh, his wife Shaden and their son Sa'ed live in a villa on Street 15. The other three members of the family are out of the country. Shaden and her husband were tending to the front garden. Sa'ed was in the glassed entrance. --some people call them sunroom or glassed porch. Shaden was famous for her love to gardening and her garden was immaculate. I know that because they are parents to my twin brother Nasser's wife, Lana. When the jeep neared, the Abu Hijleh's did not really hide because where they were standing at the time was protected from both sides by the front of the house and the fence. Besides, the curfew that started on June 20 was wearing people out. No one was expected to stay locked up for 112 days, and hide every time a patrol passes. Also, the curfew's been lifted form 6 am till 6 pm since Wednesday--except today--, people of Nablus took this as a sign to try to get back to normal life. The army jeep did not just pass. It stopped suddenly and opened fire at the Abu Hijleh's for no reason. There were no provocations --as the army calls them--; no stone throwing nor demonstrations to give excuse to the soldiers to open fire, but they did. After the incident, someone said the soldiers left the street laughing. Shaden died on the spot, two bullets hit her in the heart and neck, Dr. Jamal and Sa'ed suffered shrapnel wounds and were rushed to hospital. The incident lasted less than ten seconds. Ten seconds that changed a whole family. The news shocked people instantly. Shaden was a social and peaceful activist who was very active in peaceful demonstrations and in helping needy people in the curfew and providing them with food and medicine

relief through the many social organizations was she was a member. She helped a lot in the returning to school campaign, which practically broke the curfew for nearly two weeks. Shaden was a good citizen, now she is dead, Murdered in cold blood. Our news desk was receiving so many calls checking if what people heard was true. I received my share and tried to go to hospital to offer my condolences and help to the family but the curfew was very restricted and both the hospital where the family was taken and their home were surrounded and siege by the army. I felt helpless. My brother Nasser and his wife Lana were out of the country and so were Lana's two other brothers, Ra'ed and Rami. Nasser and Lana were in Jordan due back on Sunday. There was no chance possible for them to cross the borders from Amman tonight. The borders and roads leading to Nablus are controlled by the Israeli army and were banned for Palestinians at night. My family finally managed to get through to Nasser and gave him the burden of delivering the unbelievable, saddening and frustrating news to Lana. He said he would shut off all the

mobile phones and get Lana away from TVs and radios. He will tell her in the morning; she will not be able to stand knowing and staying away. Sa'ed said he would take care of informing his brothers Ra'ed and Rami. I finally managed to get through to Sa'ed who had previously left his mobile with friends as he was recovering from his wounds in hospital. He said, "They attacked us in cold blood, the area was very quiet and when the jeep passed by the house, my parents were already in the front garden, I was behind the glass in the porch. The jeep stopped and opened fire. I felt helpless, it is devastating" The victim this time is a mother, the last was a father, son, daughter, grandfather... etc. The world media would probably brush the news flash away, and so would world leaders. For them, it is becoming too common for Palestinians to be victims. I leave you with one question, Is Israel adopting a policy of assassinating peace activists? The world is watching, yet has done little. Amer Abdelhadi

<http://www.miftah.org/Memorial.cfm> ■

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Palestinian General Delegate to the UK & the Holy See

Israel has ordered the demolition of over 100 houses and apartments located at Jabal Al Diek (Beit Sahour) - adjacent to the illegal settlement built on Jabal Abu Gnaim (Har Homa). Most of the houses are part of the Greek Orthodox Community Housing Project and the remainder are located nearby.

Over 600 people will be made homeless.

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Last week in Palestine

4 October - 10 October 2002

It was a bloody week in Palestine, with 28 Palestinians -- including eleven children - killed by Israeli forces in the West Bank and Gaza. The majority of deaths occurred during violent invasions of Gaza during which Israeli troops fired randomly at civilians in their homes and streets.

Heaviest losses were sustained on Monday night when the Israeli troops were withdrawing after attacking

Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip. When local residents went out in the streets to assess the damage and help injured people, an Apache helicopter suddenly turned around and fired missiles into the crowds - killing at least eight instantly.

Maisa Inad Zanun, 12, was studying in her bedroom on Tuesday night when Israeli troops fired at her house with heavy artillery, shooting her in the chest -- killing her instantly. Her home is located 800 meters from an Israeli military outpost. Troops at the post had been

firing randomly at houses and people on the street when the attack occurred.

On Wednesday night, forty tanks and four helicopters invaded the Jibna refugee camp in Rafah. As the tanks advanced into the neighbourhoods, Israeli troops opened heavy fire, randomly hitting homes where people were sleeping. In the panic and chaos that ensued, people tried to flee the bullets and ran into the streets, away from the tanks. Two teenagers were killed in the raid; Thair Salah Al-Hout (12) and Ehab Fathi Al-Muhgaier (18).

It is feared that this past week's attacks and invasions are further steps towards a full-scale reoccupation of Gaza.

Palestinians killed this week: 28

Total number of Palestinians killed since September 2000: 1947

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October 2, 2002

Marwan Barghouti due to present charge sheet against State of Israel

Tomorrow, October 3, 2002, the occupier's trial against Marwan Barghouti, member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, will resume at the Tel Aviv District Court. The trial started on September 5, several months after he was arrested by Israeli occupation forces in Ramallah.

Tomorrow, Marwan Barghouti will present, on behalf of the Palestinian people, a charge sheet against the State of Israel. The charge sheet covers various periods, from 1948 to date, and includes numerous criminal acts committed by the State of Israel against the Palestinian people.

The charge sheet states that "the State of Israel is criminally responsible for crimes, which are stated to be the most serious crimes of concern to the international community as a whole." These include the crime of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and the crime of apartheid.

The charge sheet against the State of Israel includes multiple counts of specific acts of genocide, ethnic cleansing, including uprooting Palestinians by military attacks, systematic expropriation and dispossession, including land confiscation, systematic and wanton destruction of property and homes, violence to life and person, in particular murder of all kinds, including state-sponsored assassinations, disrupting public life and terrorizing the Palestinian population, including

through acts of collective punishment and reprisal, stealing, looting and plundering, and infliction of serious bodily or mental harm.

The charges against the State of Israel also include arbitrary arrest and detention of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians, torture, ill-treatment, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment and punishment, mutilation, causing death and serious injury, deliberate imposition of living conditions calculated to cause physical destruction in whole or in part, approving and implementing legislative measures calculated to prevent Palestinians from participation in the political, social, economic and cultural life and the deliberate creation of conditions preventing the full development of Palestinians, persecution of various groups and its members, and depriving Palestinians of fundamental rights and freedoms because they oppose foreign military occupation, colonialism, or apartheid.

The complete 54-count indictment will be available for the press tomorrow.

To receive a copy of the complete 54-count charge sheet please contact:

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Between Armageddon and Peace:

Iraq and the Israeli Occupation

By Hanan Ashrawi

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It is no coincidence that the most vociferous voice advocating a military attack on Iraq is that of the Israeli Likud-led government and its spin machine.

In fact, if Sharon had his druthers, the US would oblige by conducting Israel's proxy war on its behalf against a long list of targets, including Iran, Syria, Libya, Sudan, and even Saudi Arabia (or at least a convenient fragmentation and "regime change" there).

War mongering had become such a favorite past time of the Israeli establishment that Sharon found himself uncharacteristically asking his cohorts to tone down the rhetoric and curb their gleeful drum beating.

In addition to Iraq being viewed as a "strategic threat" to Israel, the motives are diverse. They include the weakening of the Arab world, maintaining Israel's "strategic superiority" in the region, imposing a solution more favorable to Israel on a "defeated" Arab nation, plus the further debilitation of the captive Palestinians and their leadership.

The flip side of the coin is the current Israeli preoccupation with the question of "will he-won't he" (i.e. Saddam Hussein) strike at Israel in the course of the war, particularly if he concludes that "all is lost" and he has "nothing more to lose."

The "will we-won't we" (respond) argument seems to be rhetorical, at best. Actually, the nature of the debate seems to be more in line with "when" and "how" rather than "whether or not."

While those who are openly in favor of a preemptive strike are in the minority, particularly given the gigantic monkey wrench that this would throw into the American machinery), there are still those who would seek to join a war in progress.

To do so, they need a visible excuse such as another feeble missile strike against Israel to justify its involvement under the pretext that Israel has the right to "self defense" and that sitting idly by would be construed as weakness and hence would weaken Israel's deterrent ability in the eyes of the Arab world.

In fact, such a strike would play straight into the hands of this government that had already threatened the use of nuclear weapons in such an instance to the extent that Iraq would cease to exist as a state.

Furthermore, a major cause for concern among American war mongers has become how to keep Israel out of the war and to keep it straining at the leash rather than stampeding into the battlefield and fulfilling doomsday projections of Armageddon.

To the Palestinians, however, the most prevalent doomsday scenario is in Israel's exploitation of the world's preoccupation with war to carry out its own end game in Palestine.

Anti-war Israeli, international, and Palestinian voices have repeatedly cautioned against the "final solution" of "transfer," or the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians through forced expulsions.

Given the nature of the discourse in Israel and the "legitimization" of racism and extreme measures advocated by military sources, pseudo-respectable partners in the government, and thinly-disguised "think tanks," such a course of action may not be as unthinkable as it seems.

Neighboring Arab countries have taken this threat with sufficient seriousness as to close down their borders with Israel/Palestine, particularly Jordan and Egypt who had signed peace agreements with Israel and who would view such expulsions as a declaration of war.

Israel, however, might be contemplating a variety of additional options to complete its destruction of Palestinian reality.

These would include a further tightening of the already devastating siege by imposing long term, unrelieved curfews that would further exacerbate the economic, educational, health, and personal suffering of the Palestinians. Expulsion might take on a more restricted and selective form by targeting "undesirable" leadership figures and/or specified populations along the lines of the "security fence."

Further violent measures might include massive "military operations" in refugee camps, urban centers, and more isolated rural areas including vulnerable villages. A wholesale military assault on Gaza (as opposed to the daily attacks or incursion by installments) has been on the drawing board for some time and is still being viewed as an option awaiting the opportune moment of implementation.

The pretext for such drastic "operations" does not have to be more than one incident of violence by a Palestinian individual or group, or (as some Israeli spokespersons are hoping for) a misguided show of support for Saddam by any Palestinian individual or group.

In all cases, the Palestinian people under occupation feel targeted and vulnerable should the projected war against Iraq materialize.

The collective mood however is one of staying put-digging in of heels and resisting any attempt at expulsion. Hence one can discern the resurgence of the spirit of "steadfastness" or sumoud that had characterized the earlier intifada.

Along with the conscious rejection of any panic or fear response, the Palestinians are engaged in a reevaluation of the most effective and acceptable forms of resistance, thereby generating greater support for peaceful, popular resistance and civil disobedience.

The return of a direct Israeli military occupation has also given rise to the more constructive forms of resistance including the establishment of popular/support commit-

tees and other forms of community empowerment. These certainly would be essential in any war scenario and regardless of the course(s) of action adopted by the Israeli military forces and armed settlers.

With all that in mind, however, the most effective means of protection and of preventing Israel from resorting to any drastic measures and forms of insanity remains in the hands of the international community.

It has become imperative that European and American decision-makers finally reach the inevitable conclusion that a policy of more positive and engaged intervention is required.

Rather than piecemeal handling or selective crisis management and partial damage control, the time has come to fully engage in a comprehensive program of on-the-ground control.

"Control" is translated as forces or troops along with an army of civilian experts and professionals to carry out the dual task of peace-making/keeping and nation-building.

With Sharon on yet another visit to the US to enhance his most frequent White House visitor status, it behooves the American President to spell out a timely and unequivocal message to his guest (war criminal cum "man of peace").

UN resolutions are adopted to be implemented; violence against civilians will not be tolerated; the last remaining military occupation cannot be allowed to last forever; there are no unilateral or military solutions to the conflict; the US "vision" of a two-state solution and the end of the June 5, 1967 occupation will be decisively carried out; Israeli military measures (including the reoccupation, incursions, assassinations, mass detentions, siege, daily killings, and all other human and economic violations) must cease; a global rule of law means full Israeli compliance.

Both Bush and Sharon must be called upon to understand that the question is not a temporary and artificial calm before the new storm in the gulf, but a comprehensive and just resolution of the underlying causes of conflict and instability that should have been addressed yesterday but definitely must be addressed today if a disastrous breakdown is to be averted.

Contrary to the scare tactics of the ideological right, the apocalypse is neither an option nor an inevitability now.

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P E R S B E R I C H T

Van het Platform tegen de "Nieuwe Oorlog"

Landelijke demonstratie

'Geen oorlog tegen Irak'

op zaterdag 26 oktober in Amsterdam

Utrecht, 9 oktober 2002 - Het Platform tegen de "Nieuwe Oorlog" organiseert op zaterdag 26 oktober in Amsterdam een landelijke demonstratie 'Geen oorlog tegen Irak'. De demonstratie begint om 13.00 uur op de Dam met een aantal sprekers en muzikale optredens. Vanaf 14.00 uur volgt een demonstratieve optocht door de binnenstad van Amsterdam.

Verklaringen vanuit de Amerikaanse regering laten geen twijfel bestaan over het binnenkort uitbreken van een oorlog om het dictatoriale regime van Saddam Hussein in Irak ten val te brengen.

De aangevoerde redenen, zoals de aanwezigheid van massavernietigingsmiddelen en de onderdrukking van de Iraakse bevolking, zijn volgens het Platform geen rechtvaardiging voor gewelddadig ingrijpen. De mogelijke aanwezigheid van massavernietigingsmiddelen en de onderdrukking van het Iraakse volk dienen langs niet-gewelddadige te worden beëindigd. Een Amerikaanse aanval op Irak is in wezen een aanvalsoorlog, scheidt een gevaarlijk precedent voor de toekomst en leidt tot verscherping van de spanningen in het Midden-Oosten.

Het doel van de demonstratie is om de Nederlandse regering ertoe te bewegen zich alsnog krachtig uit te spreken tegen elke vorm van militaire actie tegen Irak en de verzekering te geven dat Nederland hier op geen enkele wijze aan zal deelnemen.

Verbreiding

Het Platform tegen de 'Nieuwe Oorlog' is vorig jaar september opgericht en bestaat uit meer dan 200 organisaties. Het Platform is verheugd dat de breder levende weerstand tegen een oorlog tegen Irak inmiddels heeft geleid tot de aansluiting van GroenLinks en is nog in gesprek met een aantal andere organisaties. Een volledige lijst van lidorganisaties is te vinden op de website www.wereldcrisis.nl waarop de komende weken ook nadere informatie over de demonstratie en activiteiten van lokale platforms en comite's zal komen te staan.

Behalve de landelijke demonstratie in Amsterdam zal diezelfde dag en onder dezelfde leuze ("Geen oorlog tegen Irak") onder verantwoordelijkheid van het Rotterdams Platform een regionale demonstratie in Rotterdam plaatsvinden.

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