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**Submission to the United Nations Independent Commission of Inquiry on the
Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel
concerning killing by Israeli forces against Palestinian children in
the Gaza Strip during May 2021**

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BACKGROUND

1. Palestinian children have often paid the highest price in Israel's repeated military offensives, while also suffering from a human-made humanitarian crisis created by Israel's nearly 15-yearlong blockade of Gaza. Closure policies compounded by repeated military offensives have hindered any meaningful efforts toward implementing comprehensive protections for Palestinian children living in the Gaza Strip. In a context where systemic impunity is the status quo, the need for justice and accountability is urgent.

2. Israel's almost 15-yearlong near-total closure of the Gaza Strip has largely cut its residents off from the rest of the world, with freedom of movement denied to approximately [2.1 million residents](#), resulting in the denial of other human rights, including the right to work; to health; to obtain an education; to physical security; to adequate food, water, and housing; and to family life. The closure also prevents or acutely limits a wide range of goods and services from reaching Palestinians in Gaza. Israeli policies and actions have created and perpetuated an entirely human-made humanitarian disaster with grave consequences for Palestinians living in what is one of the most densely populated areas in the world. United Nations human rights treaty bodies and previous fact-finding missions and commissions of inquiry, as well as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), have called upon Israel to end the closure.¹

3. Israel's closure policy toward the Gaza Strip has a disproportionate impact on the civilian population and has decimated Gaza's economy. Gaza now has one of the highest unemployment rates in the world at [47 percent](#). Palestinians aged 0–14 comprise [41 percent](#) of the population and without adequate food, health care, education, or safe spaces, children in Gaza are growing up without a childhood. Israeli authorities have limited or prohibited staple foods, including flour, yeast, rice, salt, sugar, and cooking oil, from entering Gaza at different times over the last decade. Further exacerbating food shortages, Israel has restricted Palestinian access to Gaza's fishing waters and agricultural land, including a strip of Palestinian territory along the Israeli fence with Gaza, which Israeli authorities unilaterally declared a “no-go” or “buffer” zone.

4. Israeli armed forces have been regularly implicated in serious, systematic and institutionalized human rights violations against Palestinian children living in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT). Children affected by armed conflict are entitled to special respect and protections under international law, but Israel has consistently violated these protections through indiscriminate and disproportionate attacks that have resulted in large numbers of Palestinian child fatalities and injuries.

5. Since Israeli authorities first implemented closure policies toward the Gaza Strip in 2007, Israel has undertaken several major military offensives in the Gaza Strip – “Operation Cast Lead” in December 2008-January 2009, “Operation Pillar of Defence” in 2012, and “Operation

¹ See, e.g., Committee on the Rights of the Child, Concluding Observations: Israel, U.N. Doc. CRC/C/OPAC/ISR/CO/1, ¶ 11(b) (4 March 2010); Human Rights Committee, 2014 *Concluding Observations: Israel*, ¶ 12; Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Concluding Observations: Israel, U.N. Doc. CERD/C/ISR/CO/14-16, ¶ 26 (3 April 2012); 2015 UN Commission of Inquiry Report, ¶ 681(d); ICRC, “Gaza Closure: Not Another Year!” ICRC News Release, 10/103, 14 June 2010, <https://www.icrc.org/en/doc/resources/documents/update/palestine-update-140610.htm>; 2009 UN Fact Finding Mission Report, ¶ 1972 (a), (b) and (d). See also *id.* at ¶¶ 78, 204, 1329, 1334.

Protective Edge” in 2014 – which collectively left over 3,800 Palestinians dead, and thousands more Palestinians injured or disabled.

6. The Israeli military offensive on the Gaza Strip that lasted 11 days between May 10 and May 21, 2021, killed 67 Palestinian children, 60 of them as a direct result of Israeli attacks, according to investigations by Defense for Children International – Palestine (DCIP). Another 685 Palestinian children were injured, according to UNICEF.

7. Since 2007, DCIP has verified and documented over 1,000 child fatalities as a direct result of Israeli military offensives, incursions, and explosive remnants of war (ERW). These repeated military offensives have exacerbated the protection situation for children in the Gaza Strip.

Table 1: Total number of Palestinian children killed by Israeli forces in military offensives in Gaza since 2006		
Name of Israeli military offensive	Date	Children Killed
Operation Summer Rains	June to September 2006	58
Operation Autumn Clouds	November 2006	85
Operation Warm Winter	February to March 2008	33
Operation Cast Lead	December 2008 to January 2009	353
Operation Pillar of Defense	November 2012	33
Operation Protective Edge	July to August 2014	535
Operation Guardian of Walls	May 2021	60
Total		1157

PALESTINIAN CHILD FATALITIES DURING MAY 2021 IN THE GAZA STRIP

Summary

8. For Palestinian children living in the Gaza Strip, 2021 was a year that again brought escalated violence, fear, and loss. The Israeli military offensive that lasted 11 days between May 10 and May 21, 2021, dubbed Operation Guardian of Walls, killed 67 Palestinian children, 60 of them as a direct result of Israeli attacks, according to investigations by DCIP. Another 685 Palestinian children were injured, according to UNICEF.

9. Israeli forces killed 60 Palestinian children during Israel’s 11-day military assault on the Gaza Strip in May 2021, according to documentation collected by DCIP. During the military assault, Israeli forces killed Palestinian children using tank-fired shells, live ammunition, missiles fired from weaponized drones, and other munitions dropped by United States-sourced warplanes.

10. While international humanitarian law prohibits indiscriminate and disproportionate attacks and requires all parties to an armed conflict to distinguish between military targets, civilians, and civilian objects, DCIP investigations found overwhelming and repeated evidence that Israeli forces

committed international humanitarian law violations. Israeli warplanes and weaponized drones bombarded densely populated civilian areas killing Palestinian children sleeping in their beds, playing in their neighborhoods, shopping at stores near their homes, and celebrating Eid Al-Fitr with their families.

11. At least 51 education facilities, including 46 schools, two kindergartens, an UNRWA vocational training center, a Palestinian Ministry of Education facility and the premises of the Islamic University sustained damage during the hostilities, UN OCHA [reported](#).

12. DCIP investigations determined that seven Palestinian children were killed by rockets fired by Palestinian armed groups within the Gaza Strip during the 11-day escalation of violence in May 2021.

13. The case studies included below provide a summary of attacks resulting in the killing of Palestinian children and add to the body of well-documented evidence of war crimes and serious violations of international humanitarian law committed by Israeli forces over the past two decades. Additional details on each Palestinian child fatality confirmed and documented by DCIP during May 2021 are included in the annex to this submission.

Responsible party	Weapon used	No. of Palestinian children killed
Israeli forces	Airstrike	51
Israeli forces	Drone-fired missile	6
Israeli forces	Live ammunition	1
Israeli forces	Tank-fired shell	2
Palestinian armed group	Unguided rocket	7
Total		67

Killing of Palestinian children by Israeli forces in airstrikes

14. DCIP’s investigation into the killing and maiming of Palestinian children during *Operation Guardian of Walls* found overwhelming evidence that Israeli forces carried out indiscriminate and disproportionate attacks with hundreds of aerial attacks targeting densely-populated civilian areas across the Gaza Strip, amounting to war crimes.

15. The vast majority of child fatalities and injuries occurred in the context of intensive Israeli airstrikes in densely populated residential neighborhoods. Children were often present and sheltering in civilian structures when strikes occurred.

16. An Israeli warplane fired two missiles at a two-story home in Gaza City’s Al-Manara neighborhood on May 11 around 4:30 p.m, completely destroying the residential building. The attack killed 15-year-old Lina Iyad Fathi Sharir and both of her parents, according to

documentation collected by DCIP. Lina's two-year-old sister, Mina Iyad Fathi Sharir, sustained third-degree burns and died in Shifa hospital on May 18. She had been hospitalized in critical condition following the Israeli airstrike on May 11.

17. An overnight Israeli airstrike in Gaza City on May 12 killed three more Palestinian children. Around 1:30 a.m., an Israeli warplane targeted the third floor of the Salha residential building in Gaza City's Tal Al-Hawa neighborhood, killing four-year-old Zaid Mohammad Odeh Talbani, his two-year-old sister Mariam Mohammad Odeh Talbani, and 13-year-old Hala Hussein Rafat Rifi, according to documentation collected by DCIP. The attack also killed three adults including Zaid's mother Rima Talbani, who was five months pregnant. Hala's six-year-old sister, Rimas, and her father Hussein were also wounded in the airstrike.

18. An Israeli airstrike killed four Palestinian children and their parents on May 13 in the northern Gaza Strip. Israeli warplanes fired at least 20 missiles at a densely populated residential neighborhood on Beit Lahiya's Main Street shortly after 1 a.m., according to documentation collected by DCIP. The Israeli attack killed Amir Rafat Mohammad Tanani, 6; Adham Rafat Mohammad Tanani, 4; Ismail Rafat Mohammad Tanani, 7; Mohammad Rafat Mohammad Tanani, 2, as well as the boys' parents, Rafat and Rawya. The family's bodies were discovered by search and rescue personnel around 7:30 p.m. Two additional adults were killed in the aerial assault, and 33 others, including 10 children, were wounded, according to information collected by DCIP.

19. Ahmad Rami Mahmoud al-Hawajri, 13, was returning home from the grocery store around 3:20 p.m. when the Israeli warplane targeted a residential building in the heart of the densely populated Al-Bureij refugee camp in Central Gaza on May 13, according to documentation gathered by DCIP. Ahmad was killed in the attack. He was struck in the head with shrapnel and sustained burns all over his body.

20. A separate Israeli airstrike on a residential building in Al-Bureij refugee camp killed 13-year-old Lina Mohammad Mahmoud Issa on May 13. An Israeli warplane attacked the home of Mohammad Issa, 42, around 4:20 p.m. Lina was killed along with her mother, Manar, and their home was completely destroyed. Three other civilians were also wounded and transferred to Al-Aqsa Martyrs hospital, according to documentation collected by DCIP.

21. Israeli missiles killed two children in two separate attacks on the evening of May 13 in the southern Gaza Strip. Around 7:45 p.m., an Israeli warplane attacked Jamal al-Zamli's two-story home in the Tanour neighborhood of Rafah, killing two-year-old Hoor Momen Jamal al-Zamli and her mother Khuloud, who was five months pregnant, according to information gathered by DCIP. There was no warning prior to the blast which destroyed the home and injured seven others, including three children. The wounded were transported to Abu Yousef Al-Najjar hospital for treatment.

22. In another attack on the evening of May 13, an Israeli airstrike killed six-month-old Ibrahim Mohammad Ibrahim al-Rantisi. An Israeli warplane fired a missile at a three-story home in Rafah's Jnaineh neighborhood shortly before 8:30 p.m., according to documentation collected by DCIP. The attack also killed Ibrahim's grandmother, uncle, and aunt and injured 15 others, including 7 children.

23. Israeli aerial attacks killed three children early on May 14 in North Gaza. Shortly after midnight, Israeli warplanes launched a barrage of attacks, striking multiple areas in northern Gaza. Two missiles hit Mahmoud al-Attar's home in Beit Lahia, killing six-year-old Amira Mohammad Mahmoud al-Attar and her two brothers, eight-year-old Islam Mohammad Mahmoud al-Attar and nine-month-old Mohammad Zain Mohammad Mahmoud al-Attar as well as their mother, Lamia, according to documentation collected by DCIP. The family was on the ground floor of the home when a concrete pillar fell on them. Their bodies were removed from under the rubble two hours later and taken to Kamal Odwan hospital.

24. An Israeli airstrike in the densely-populated Al-Shati refugee camp, located northwest of Gaza City, killed ten members of the same family on May 15. Among the dead were eight children ranging in age from five to 12 and their mothers. There was no prior warning before the aerial attack, according to information collected by DCIP. The Israeli warplane targeted Alaa Abu Hatab's three-story home in Al-Shati refugee camp around 1:30 a.m. on May 15. The airstrike completely destroyed the residential building, and rescue, civil defence, and medical teams searched for hours to find missing people under the rubble, according to documentation collected by DCIP. The family had reportedly gathered to celebrate Eid al-Fitr, the holiday marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan.

25. Among those killed in the Israeli airstrike were four of Alaa Abu Hatab's children, brothers five-year-old Yamen Alaa Mohammad Abu Hatab; nine-year-old Bilal Alaa Mohammad Abu Hatab; Yousef Alaa Mohammad Abu Hatab, 10; and their seven-year-old, sister, Miriam Alaa Mohammad Abu Hatab. Their mother, Alaa's wife Yasmeen was killed alongside her children, Alaa's sister, Maha, and four of her sons, five-year-old Osama Mohammad Sobhi al-Hadidi; seven-year-old Abdurrahman Mohammad Sobhi al-Hadidi; Yahya Mohammad Sobhi al-Hadidi, 10; and Suheib Mohammad Sobhi al-Hadidi, 12, were also killed in the blast, according to documentation collected by DCIP.

26. Israeli warplanes launched dozens of airstrikes around 1 a.m. on May 16 in Gaza City, targeting residential buildings and civilian infrastructure, including roads and government ministry buildings. Two parallel streets in Gaza City, Al-Wehda Street and Egyptian Embassy Street, were targeted by Israeli warplanes with at least 25 bombs that leveled several residential buildings, according to documentation collected by DCIP. Among the residential buildings targeted in the bombardment were a five-story home owned by the Abu al-Auf family that housed 10 apartments and two four-story homes owned by Ameen al-Qawlaq and Mu'in al-Qawlaq. DCIP documented 18 Palestinian children killed in the Israeli aerial attacks, and at least 25 children sustained injuries.

27. DCIP confirmed the deaths of Tala Ayman Tawfeeq Abu al-Auf, 13, and her 17-year-old brother, Tawfeeq Ayman Tawfeeq Abu al-Auf; brothers Yahya Riad Hasan Ishkantna, 4, two-year-old Zain Riad Hasan Ishkantna, and their sisters, Lana Riad Hasan Ishkantna, 5, and Dana Riad Hasan Ishkantna, 9; brothers Adam Izzat Mu'in al-Qawlaq, 3, and eight-year-old Zaid Izzat Mu'in al-Qawlaq; 14-year-old Hana Shukri Ameen al-Qawlaq and her brother, Ahmad Shukri Ameen al-Qawlaq, 15; brothers Yazan Rami Riad al-Ifranji, 13, and Ameer Rami Riad al-Ifranji, 9, and their sisters Mira Rami Riad al-Ifranji, 11, and Dima Rami Riad al-Ifranji, 15; sisters Yara Mohammad Mu'in al-Qawlaq, 9, Hala Mohammad Mu'in al-Qawlaq, 12, and Rula Mohammad Mu'in al-Qawlaq, 5, and six-month-old Qusai Sameh Fawwaz al-Qawlaq.

28. An Israeli airstrike on May 17 killed 10-year-old Rafeef Mershed Kamel Abu Dayer in Gaza City. Around 6:45 p.m. Israeli warplanes struck the upper three floors of the seven-story Ghazi Shawa building on Al-Wehda Street in Gaza City, according to documentation collected by DCIP. Members of the Abu Dayer family were eating in a garden nearby at the time of the attacks. Shrapnel and rubble from the air raid struck the girl's leg. Medical reports showed that Rafeef had internal bleeding, likely due to the force of the explosion.

Killing of Palestinian children by Israeli forces in drone and helicopter strikes

29. An Israeli drone-fired missile killed 15-year-old Mohammad Saber Ibrahim Suleiman on May 10 shortly after 6 p.m. while he and his father Saber Ibrahim Mahmoud Suleiman were on their agricultural land outside the city of Jabalia, according to documentation collected by DCIP. Father and son were both killed instantly. Mohammad's body was subsequently transferred to the Indonesian hospital in Jabalia where doctors reported there were shrapnel wounds throughout his body. Mohammad's father was reportedly a commander in Izz Ad-Din Al-Qassam Brigades, a Palestinian armed group and the armed wing of Hamas, according to information collected by DCIP.

30. A U.S.-sourced Israeli Apache attack helicopter killed two Palestinian children and critically injured a third on May 12 in Al-Fukharia village southeast of Khan Younis, located about 3 kilometers (1.8 miles) from the Gaza perimeter fence. Hamada Attia Abed al-Emour, 13, was on his way to a store near his home around 5:30 p.m., accompanied by his two cousins, Ammar Tayseer Mohammad al-Emour, 10, and Elyan Moneer Ibrahim al-Emour, 12, when the Israeli attack helicopter fired two thermal balloons and then a missile in the direction of the children, according to documentation collected by DCIP. At the time of the missile attack, the street was open and completely quiet. The helicopter-fired missile directly hit Hamada and Ammar, dismembering and killing them both instantly. Elyan, who was walking five to six meters (16-20 feet) in front of his cousins, was struck with shrapnel in the abdomen, according to documentation collected by DCIP. All three children were transported to the nearby European hospital where doctors pronounced Hamada and Ammar dead. Eylan was later transferred to Khan Younis' Nasser hospital and was subsequently sent to Egypt for treatment.

31. Israeli drone-fired missiles killed 17-year-old Khaled Imad Khaled Qanou on May 13 around 12:40 p.m. near the Gaza perimeter fence in North Gaza's Izbat Beit Hanoun, according to documentation collected by DCIP. An Israeli weaponized aerial drone targeted Khaled, firing a missile at a pergola he was inside near the Nada residential towers, which overlook the Gaza perimeter fence. Firas al-Bahri and Muhannad Badwan attempted to provide aid to Khaled, when the drone fired a second missile at the pergola, killing Khaled, and wounding the two who had tried to save him, according to documentation collected by DCIP. Firas al-Bahri succumbed to his injuries 6 days later, according to documentation collected by DCIP. Khaled was allegedly a member of a Palestinian armed group, according to initial information collected by DCIP. It is not clear if he was actively involved in hostilities at the time he was targeted. A number of bystanders were wounded in the attack and taken to the nearby Indonesian hospital.

32. A missile from an Israeli weaponized aerial drone killed 17-year-old Mohammad Ahmad Alya Bhar on May 15 in Gaza City's Shuja'iyya neighborhood. Mohammad was returning home after visiting a nearby shop when the Israeli aerial drone targeted him and a group of boys who

had gathered near the market around 1:30 p.m., according to documentation collected by DCIP. Shrapnel struck Mohammad in his lower chest, and he succumbed to his injuries while en route to Gaza City's Shifa hospital. An 18-year-old Palestinian was also killed in the blast, and five others were injured.

33. An Israeli drone-fired missile strike on May 17 killed Yousef Rafeeq Ismail al-Baz, 13, on the spot, around noon, and critically injured the boy's 16-year-old brother, Ramadan. The al-Baz family home was directly struck by the missile, according to reports collected by DCIP. The two brothers were transferred to Al-Aqsa Martyrs hospital, where Yousef was pronounced dead.

34. Dima Sa'd Ali Asaliya, 10, was returning from her sister's house adjacent to her family home in Jabalia in the northern Gaza Strip around 8 p.m. on May 19, when she was killed in an Israeli drone missile strike on the street. Her body was covered in shrapnel wounds, and she was transported to Indonesian hospital where she was pronounced dead, according to documentation collected by DCIP. Dima had gone to bring an electric cooker the family used to bake bread from her sister's house and was returning home when she was killed, her uncle told DCIP.

Killing of Palestinian children by Israeli forces with live ammunition

35. Israeli forces shot and killed 17-year-old Bashar Ahmad Ibrahim Samour on May 12 near the Gaza perimeter fence in Abasan Al-Jadida, east of Khan Younis in southern Gaza. Israeli forces deployed on the opposite side of the perimeter fence shot and killed Bashar around 9:30 a.m. Bashar sustained two gunshot wounds to the right side of his chest, according to documentation collected by DCIP. He worked as a farmer and was connecting irrigation pipes about 500 meters (1640 feet) from the fence when he was shot and killed. Relatives working with him at the time transported him to a hospital in Khan Younis where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Killing of Palestinian children by Israeli forces with tank-fired shells

36. Israeli forces killed 17-year-old Fawziya Nasser Mohammad Abu Faris and her nine-month-old nephew, Mohammad Salameh Mohammad Abu Dayyeh, in Umm An-Naser village, also known as Al-Qaraya Al-Badawiya, in the northern Gaza Strip late on May 13. Around 6:15 p.m., three Israeli-fired artillery shells struck the Nasser Abu Faris' one-story house, killing Fawziya and Mohammad, as well as Fawziya's adult sisters, Nisreen and Sabreen, Mohammad's mother.

37. The family had gathered to celebrate Eid al-Fitr, the holiday marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan, and around 25 people were in the living room when the Israeli artillery attack occurred. Fawziya and her sisters were dismembered, and shrapnel struck Mohammad in the head. All four were killed on the spot. Neighbors Ni'ma Abu Ayyash, 47, and Hashem Al-Zghaibi, 22, were killed in the same incident. Dozens of children were wounded in the shelling, including three children whose injuries were so severe they were transferred for treatment in Egypt, according to documentation collected by DCIP.

Killing of Palestinian children by unguided rockets fired by Palestinian armed groups

38. DCIP investigations suggest a homemade rocket fired by a Palestinian armed group fell short and killed eight Palestinians, including two children, on May 10 around 6:05 p.m. in North Gaza. The rocket landed in Saleh Dardouna Street near Al-Omari Mosque in Jabalia, North Gaza, according to evidence collected by DCIP. Mustafa Mohammad Mahmoud Obaid, 16, was killed in the blast, and five-year-old Baraa Wisam Ahmad al-Gharabli succumbed to his injuries around 11 p.m. on May 10.

39. Palestinian security sources and explosives experts indicated the cause of this explosion was a Palestinian armed group rocket that fell short. Another 34 Palestinian civilians were injured in the blast, including 10 children, according to DCIP's documentation.

40. Around 1:30 p.m. on May 11, an explosion occurred in Baghdad Street in Gaza City's Shuja'iyya neighborhood while Hamza Mahmoud Yassin Ali was in a taxi returning from home from the market. He was in the car with Muhannad Mesbeh, 11, and his aunt Fidaa Mesbeh, 39. The explosion coincided with preparations for the burial of three field commanders of Al-Quds Brigades. The explosion led to the injury of a number of citizens, including Hamza, who was hit by shrapnel in the head and abdomen. He was transferred to Al-Shifa hospital in critical condition, and he succumbed to his injury the following day at around 10:40 a.m. The explosion was likely caused by a rocket fired by a Palestinian armed group, according to documentation gathered by DCIP

41. Yahya Mazen Shehada Khalifa, 13, and Mahmoud Hamed Hasan Tolbeh, 12, were likely killed by shrapnel from two Palestinian-launched unguided rockets that had collided in the sky above Gaza City's Shaafout neighborhood around 9 p.m. on May 12. Yahya was on the street on his way to the store near his house when the explosion took place, and he was hit by shrapnel in the chest. The shrapnel penetrated his back and shoulder and killed him on the spot. Mahmoud was leaving a barbershop and was watching the local rockets being fired into Israeli when he was hit by shrapnel in the head. He was transferred to Al-Shifa Hospital in critical condition and was admitted to the intensive care unit. At around 8:00 a.m. on May 14, he succumbed to his wounds.

42. Six-year-old Butheina Mahmoud Issa Obaid was most likely killed by shrapnel from an unguided rocket fired by Palestinian armed groups, according to documentation collected by DCIP. She was playing outside her home in Jabalia when she was struck in the head with shrapnel on May 14.

43. Nagham Iyad Abdulfattah Salha, 2, was likely killed on May 19 by an unguided rocket launched by a Palestinian armed group, according to documentation gathered by DCIP. Nagham was killed alongside her parents, Iyad and Imhawish, in their second-floor apartment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

44. Israeli armed forces have been regularly implicated in widespread and systematic human rights violations against Palestinian children living in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.² Children affected by armed conflict are entitled to special respect and protections under

² See UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, *Concluding Observations on the Second to Fourth Periodic Reports of Israel*, U.N. Doc. CRC/C/ISR/CO/2-4 (4 July 2013), <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc/docs/co/CRC-C-ISR-CO-2-4.pdf>; Human Rights Committee, 2014 Concluding Observations: Israel, *supra* n. 18; and 2009 UN Fact Finding Mission Report, *supra* n. 15.

international law, but Israel has consistently violated these protections through indiscriminate and disproportionate attacks that have resulted in large numbers of child fatalities and injuries.

45. The cases annexed to this submission add to the body of well-documented evidence of war crimes, crimes against humanity and other serious violations of international law committed by Israeli armed forces over the past decades.

46. Previous experience has shown that Israeli authorities persistently fail to impartially and independently investigate alleged violations of its armed forces in accordance with international standards.

47. The international community must demand an end to Israel's illegal closure of the Gaza Strip, investigate allegations of war crimes, and hold perpetrators accountable. Without an end to the current regime of collective punishment, targeted assassinations, and regular military offensives, the situation for Palestinian children in Gaza is all but guaranteed to further deteriorate. In a context where systemic impunity is the status quo, the need for justice and accountability is urgent.

48. In order to challenge systemic and seemingly perpetual impunity and increase protections for Palestinian children, we strongly urge the Commission to:

- include an assessment of potential violations of international criminal law falling within the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court;
- consider the context in which the May 2021 military offensive and alleged Israeli violations occurred and address root causes for the commission of alleged crimes, including over 50 years of Israeli military occupation, a 15-yearlong closure of Gaza, denial of the right to self-determination, and the persecution of the Palestinian people;
- name individuals that are responsible for the commission of crimes alleged in this submission, including assigning criminal responsibility to higher-ranking members of armed forces or other officials for war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by their subordinates; and
- include an assessment of the genuineness of Israeli authorities' investigations into alleged crimes, considering the current and previous ability and willingness of Israeli authorities and mechanisms to fairly and independently investigate alleged crimes and hold perpetrators accountable to international standards.

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ANNEX

Incident Date: May 10, 2021 **Incident Ref No.** OGW002
Incident Location: Jabalia, North Gaza Governorate
Perpetrator: Palestinian group
Type of Attack: Unguided rocket

At approximately 6:05 p.m. an unguided rocket fell in the middle of Saleh Dardouna Street behind Al-Omari Mosque in Jabalia, killing eight people, including two children. It coincided with the launch of a group of Palestinian rockets into Israel. 34 others, including 10 children and two women, were injured in the incident; five of whom were serious. Baraa al-Gharabli succumbed to his wounds later that night at Indonesian hospital around 11:00 p.m.



Baraa Wissam Ahmad al-Gharabli

براء وسام أحمد الغرابلي

Date of Birth: May 19, 2015

Date of Death: May 10, 2021

Age: 5 Y / 11 M



Mustafa Mohammad Mahmoud Obaid

مصطفى محمد محمود عبید

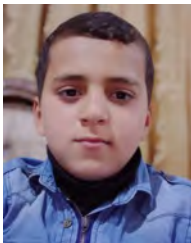
Date of Birth: September 13, 2004

Date of Death: May 10, 2021

Age: 16 Y / 7 M

Incident Date: May 10, 2021 **Incident Ref No.** OGW001
Incident Location: Beit Hanoun, North Gaza Governorate
Perpetrator: Israeli forces
Type of Attack: Airstrike

At around 6:05 p.m., an Israeli missile struck Al-Masriyeen Street in Beit Hanoun, killing eight civilians, including six children, and injuring 18 others, including a woman and 10 children. Three houses were partially damaged.



Hussein Muneer Hussein Hamad

حسين منير حسين حمد

Date of Birth: February 25, 2010

Date of Death: May 10, 2021

Age: 11 Y / 2 M



Ibrahim Abdullah Mohammad Hassanain

إبراهيم عبد الله محمد حسنين

Date of Birth: April 2, 2005

Date of Death: May 10, 2021

Age: 16 Y / 1 M



Ibrahim Yousef Attalla al-Masri

إبراهيم يوسف عطاالله المصري

Date of Birth: January 9, 2010

Date of Death: May 10, 2021

Age: 11 Y / 4 M



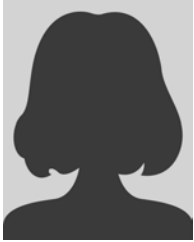
Marwan Yousef Attalla al-Masri

مروان يوسف عطاالله المصري

Date of Birth: October 1, 2014

Date of Death: May 10, 2021

Age: 6 Y / 7 M



Rahaf Mohammad Attalla al-Masri

رهف محمد عطاالله المصري

Date of Birth: February 11, 2011

Date of Death: May 10, 2021

Age: 10 Y / 2 M



Yazan Sultan Mohammad al-Masri

يزن سلطان محمد المصري

Date of Birth: February 10, 2019

Date of Death: May 10, 2021

Age: 2 Y / 3 M

Incident Date:	May 10, 2021	Incident Ref No.	OGW003
Incident Location:	Jabalia, North Gaza Governorate		
Perpetrator:	Israeli forces		
Type of Attack:	Drone-fired missile		

At approximately 6:10 p.m., an Israeli reconnaissance plane targeted 38-year-old Saber Ibrahim Mahmoud Suleiman, a resident of Jabalia Al-Balad, with a single missile killing him and his 15-year-old son Mohammad. They were on their agricultural land located in Jabal Al-Kashef area in Izbt Abd Rabbo, Jabalia Al-Balad in the northern Gaza Strip. Saber Suleiman, the Mohammad's father was a member of the Izz Ad-Din Al-Qassam Brigades.



Mohammad Saber Ibrahim Suleiman

محمد صابر إبراهيم سليمان

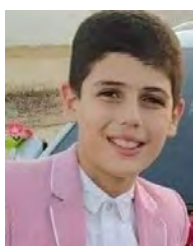
Date of Birth: September 25, 2005

Date of Death: May 10, 2021

Age: 15 Y / 7 M

Incident Date: May 11, 2021 **Incident Ref No.** OGW009
Incident Location: Shuja'iyya, Gaza City, Gaza Governorate
Perpetrator: Palestinian group
Type of Attack: Unguided rocket

At approximately 1:30 p.m., an explosion took place in Baghdad Street in Gaza City's Shuja'iyya neighborhood while Hamza Mahmoud Yassin Ali was in a taxi returning from home from the market. He was in the car with Muhannad Mesbeh, 11, and his aunt Fidaa Mesbeh, 39. The explosion coincided with preparations for the burial of three field commanders of Al-Quds Brigades. The explosion led to the injury of a number of citizens, including Hamza, who was hit by shrapnel in the head and abdomen. He was transferred to Al-Shifa hospital in critical condition, and he succumbed to his injury the following day at around 10:40 a.m. The explosion was likely caused by a rocket fired by a Palestinian armed group.



Hamza Mahmoud Yassin Ali

حمزة محمود ياسين علي

Date of Birth: April 16, 2009

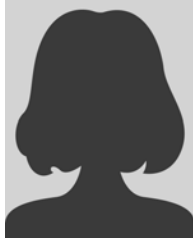
Date of Death: May 12, 2021

Age: 12 Y / 0 M

Incident Date: May 11, 2021 **Incident Ref No.** OGW005
Incident Location: Gaza City, Gaza Governorate
Perpetrator: Israeli forces
Type of Attack: Airstrike

An Israeli F16 jet fired two missiles at Iyad Sharir's two-story house of Iyad Shrair, 45, on Nafaq Street in Gaza City's Al-Manara neighborhood around 4:30 p.m. The house was

destroyed completely, and Iyad, his 40-year-old wife Layali and his 15-year-old-daughter Lina were killed in the attack. Iyad's two-year-old daughter Mina sustained third-degree burns and was taken to Shifa hospital. Mina succumbed to her injuries on May 18.



Lina Iyad Fathi Sharir

Date of Birth: August 16, 2005

Date of Death: May 11, 2021

لينة إياد فتحي شرير

Age: 15 Y / 8 M



Mina Iyad Fathi Sharir

Date of Birth: April 22, 2019

Date of Death: May 18, 2021

منة إياد فتحي شرير

Age: 2 Y / 0 M

Incident Date:

May 12, 2021

Incident Ref No. OGW004

Incident Location:

Gaza City, Gaza Governorate

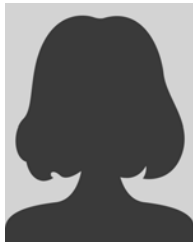
Perpetrator:

Israeli forces

Type of Attack:

Airstrike

An Israeli F16 jet targeted the third floor of Salha residential building on the Arab League Street in Gaza City's Tal Al-Hawa neighbourhood in Gaza City, around 1:35 a.m. The strike killed six people, including three children. The dead included 31-year-old Rima Talbani, who was five months pregnant, her four-year-old son Zaid, two-year-old daughter Mariam, 13-year-old Hala Rifi, 41-year-old Wael Issa, and 43-year-old Hasan Qahwaji. Two-year-old Mariam Talbani was missing under the rubble. Her dismembered body was recovered on May 21.



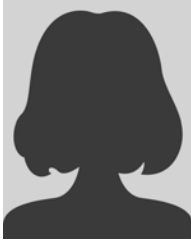
Hala Hussein Ra'fat Rifi

Date of Birth: August 25, 2007

Date of Death: May 12, 2021

حلا حسين رأفت الريفي

Age: 13 Y / 8 M

**Mariam Mohammad Odeh Talbani****Date of Birth:** September 2, 2018**Date of Death:** May 12, 2021

مريم محمد عودة التلبراني

Age: 2 Y / 8 M**Zaid Mohammad Odeh Talbani****Date of Birth:** September 12, 2016**Date of Death:** May 12, 2021

زيد محمد عودة التلبراني

Age: 4 Y / 8 M

Incident Date: May 12, 2021 **Incident Ref No.** OGW006
Incident Location: Abasan Al Jadida, Khan Younis Governorate
Perpetrator: Israeli forces
Type of Attack: Live ammunition

An Israeli soldier stationed inside one of the observation rooms along the perimeter fence, in Abasan Al-Jadida village east of Khan Younis, fired two bullets at Bashar Samour around 9:30 a.m. Bashar sustained an injury in his chest that led to his death instantly. He worked as a farmer and was irrigating the parsley crop accompanied by two of his relatives. One of them confirmed that when Bashar was shot, he was about 500 meters (1640 feet) from the perimeter fence, working on the water pipes for irrigation. Farmers took Bashar to the military hospital in Khan Younis, where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

**Bashar Ahmad Ibrahim Samour****Date of Birth:** February 28, 2004**Date of Death:** May 12, 2021**Age:** 17 Y / 2 M

Incident Date: May 12, 2021 **Incident Ref No.** OGW007
Incident Location: southeast of Khan Younis, Khan Younis Governorate
Perpetrator: Israeli forces
Type of Attack: Airstrike

An Israeli Apache helicopter fired a single missile at 3 children from the al-Emour family who were on Sufa Street near the Temraz Gaz station, in the Al-Fukhari neighborhood, southeast of Khan Yunis. The boys were traveling to a store near their home. The Apache helicopter fired two thermal balloons before launching the missile in the direction of the three children, who were in the middle of the street, in an open and completely quiet area. The missile directly hit the children. Hamada and Ammar dismembered, and their cousin Elyan (12), who was 5-6 meters in front of them, was wounded by shrapnel. The three children were transferred to the European Hospital, which confirmed Hamada and Ammar's deaths. Elyan was subsequently sent to Egypt for medical treatment.



Ammar Tayseer Mohammad al-Emour

Date of Birth: December 11, 2010

Date of Death: May 12, 2021

Age: 10 Y / 5 M



Hamada Attia Abed al-Emour

Date of Birth: March 22, 2008

Date of Death: May 12, 2021

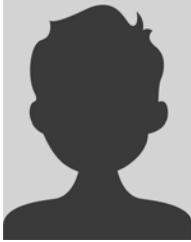
Age: 13 Y / 1 M

Incident Date:	May 12, 2021	Incident Ref No.	OGW008
Incident Location:	Gaza City, Gaza Governorate		
Perpetrator:	Palestinian group		
Type of Attack:	Unguided rocket		

Yahya Mazen Shehada Khalifa, 13, and Mahmoud Hamed Hasan Tolbeh, 12, were likely killed by shrapnel from two Palestinian-launched unguided rockets that had collided in the sky above Gaza City's Shaafout neighborhood around 9 p.m. Yahya was on the street on his way to the store near his house when the explosion took place, and he was hit by shrapnel in the chest. The shrapnel penetrated his back and shoulder and killed him on the spot. Mahmoud was leaving a barbershop and was watching the local rockets being fired into Israeli when he was hit by shrapnel in the head. He was transferred to Al-Shifa Hospital in critical condition and was admitted to the intensive care unit. At around 8:00 a.m. on May 14, he succumbed to his wounds.

**Mahmoud Hamed Hasan Tolbeh**

محمود حامد حسن طلبة

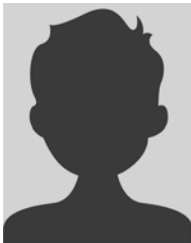
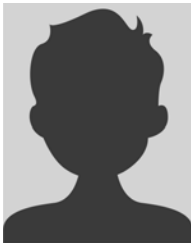
Date of Birth: July 15, 2008**Date of Death:** May 14, 2021**Age:** 12 Y / 9
M**Yahya Mazen Shehada Khalifa**

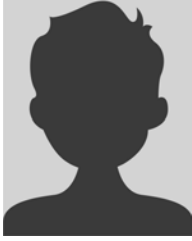
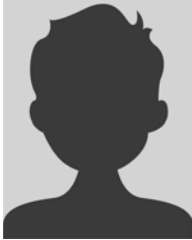
يحيي مازن شhada خليفة

Date of Birth: November 10, 2007**Date of Death:** May 12, 2021**Age:** 13 Y / 6 M

Incident Date: May 13, 2021 **Incident Ref No.** OGW011
Incident Location: Beit Lahiya, North Gaza Governorate
Perpetrator: Israeli forces
Type of Attack: Airstrike

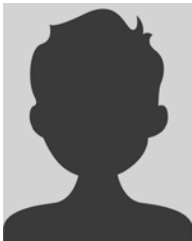
Israeli F16s targeted an entire residential block on Beit Lahiya's Main Street near Sheikh Zayed City in the early morning. At least 20 missiles were fired at the densely populated residential area, destroying eight houses completely and killing eight people, including four children, and wounding 33 others, including 10 children. Later that day, medical staff managed to recover the bodies of six people from Tanani family; Ra'fat Tanani, his wife Rawya, and his four children; seven-year-old Ismail, six-year-old Amir, four-year-old Adham, and two-year-old Mohammad.

**Adham Ra'fat Mohammad Tanani****Date of Birth:** April 7, 2017**Date of Death:** May 13, 2021**Age:** 4 Y / 1 M**Amir Ra'fat Mohammad Tanani****Date of Birth:** October 30, 2014**Date of Death:** May 13, 2021**Age:** 6 Y / 6 M

**Ismail Ra'fat Mohammad Tanani****Date of Birth:** October 22, 2013**Date of Death:** May 13, 2021**Age:** 7 Y / 6 M**Mohammad Ra'fat Mohammad Tanani****Date of Birth:** August 23, 2018**Date of Death:** May 13, 2021**Age:** 2 Y / 8 M

Incident Date: May 13, 2021 **Incident Ref No.** OGW017
Incident Location: Beit Hanoun, North Gaza Governorate
Perpetrator: Israeli forces
Type of Attack: Drone-fired missile

Around 12:40 p.m. an Israeli drone plane fired a missile at a pergola in front of Nada Towers in Izbat Beit Hanoun near the border fence, while Khaled Qanou was inside. Two people tried to save him, but a second missile was fired, killing Khaled who was hit by shrapnel in his head, chest, and abdomen. Firas al-Bahri, 20, was wounded in the head and succumbed to his injuries on May 19. Muhannad Badwan, 21, was mildly wounded in the abdomen. Neighbors and area residents confirmed that Khaled was a member of Al-Mujahedeen Brigades; the military wing of the Palestinian Mujahedeen Movement, which in turn mourned Khaled in a statement on its page.

**Khaled Imad Khaled Qanou****Date of Birth:** January 10, 2004**Date of Death:** May 13, 2021**خالد عماد خالد القنوع****Age:** 17 Y / 4 M

Incident Date: May 13, 2021 **Incident Ref No.** OGW014
Incident Location: Al-Bureij refugee camp, Deir Al-Balah Governorate
Perpetrator: Israeli forces
Type of Attack: Drone-fired missile

At approximately 3:20 p.m., an Israeli drone fired a missile at Ghassan Abu Ayyada's house in the heart of Al-Bureij camp in Deir Al-Balah as a warning for bombing and destroying it. In the meantime, Ahmad al-Hawajri was in a grocery store near the targeted house, and while he was returning to his home, an Israeli F16 targeted and destroyed Ghassan's house. Ahmad was killed after being hit by shrapnel in the head and sustaining burns all over his body.



Ahmad Rami Mahmoud al-Hawajri

أحمد رامي محمود الحواجري

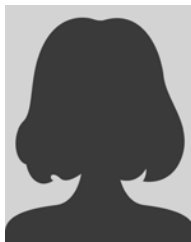
Date of Birth: March 27, 2007

Date of Death: May 13, 2021

Age: 14 Y / 1 M

Incident Date: May 13, 2021 **Incident Ref No.** OGW013
Incident Location: Al-Bureij refugee camp, Deir Al-Balah Governorate
Perpetrator: Israeli forces
Type of Attack: Airstrike

At approximately 4:20 p.m, an Israeli warplane fired a missile at the house of 42-year-old Mohammad Issa in Al-Bureij refugee camp in Deir Al-Balah without prior warning. The airstrike led to the complete destruction of the house, killing 13-year-old Lina and her 39-year-old mother, Manar.



Lina Mohammad Mahmoud Issa

لينا محمد محمود عيسى

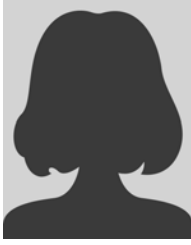
Date of Birth: August 13, 2007

Date of Death: May 13, 2021

Age: 13 Y / 9 M

Incident Date: May 13, 2021 **Incident Ref No.** OGW012
Incident Location: Umm An-Nasr, North Gaza Governorate
Perpetrator: Israeli forces
Type of Attack: Tank-fired shell

At approximately 6:15 p.m., Israeli tanks fired artillery shells at the one-story house of Nasser Abu Faris in Um An-Nasr village, also known as Al-Qaraya Al-Badawiya, in the northern Gaza Strip. The shelling killed 17-year-old Fawziya Abu Faris and her nine-month-old nephew Mohammad Abu Dayyeh.



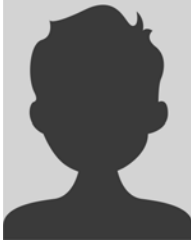
Fawziya Nasser Mohammad Abu Faris

فوزية ناصر محمد أبو فارس

Date of Birth: January 6, 2004

Date of Death: May 13, 2021

Age: 17 Y / 4
M



Mohammad Salameh Mohammad Abu Dayyeh

محمد سلامة محمد أبو ديه

Date of Birth: July 27, 2020

Date of Death: May 13, 2021

Age: 0 Y / 9 M

Incident Date: May 13, 2021

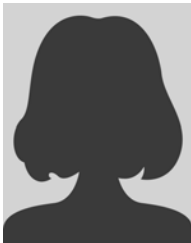
Incident Ref No. OGW016

Incident Location: Rafah, Rafah Governorate

Perpetrator: Israeli forces

Type of Attack: Airstrike

Around 7:45 p.m., an Israeli warplane fired a missile without prior warning at Jamal al-Zamli's two-story house of Rafah's Al-Tanour neighborhood. The house was partially destroyed, killing two-year-old Hoor and her five-month pregnant mother Kholoud, 27. Seven others, including three children, were also wounded and taken to Abu Yousef Al-Najjar hospital.



Hoor Momen Jamal al-Zamli

Date of Birth: April 23, 2019

Date of Death: May 13, 2021

Age: 2 Y / 0 M

Incident Date: May 13, 2021

Incident Ref No. OGW015

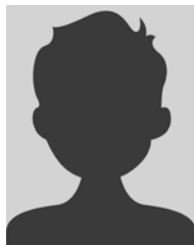
Incident Location: Rafah, Rafah Governorate

Perpetrator: Israeli forces

Type of Attack: Airstrike

At approximately 8:20 p.m., an Israeli warplane fired a missile at the three-story house of Yousef al-Rantisi in Rafah's Jnaineh neighborhood without prior warning. The house was completely destroyed, killing six-month-old baby Ibrahim, his grandmother Siham, his

paternal uncle Raed, and his uncle's wife Shaima. 15 others, including seven children, were also wounded and taken to Abu Yousef Al-Najjar hospital.



Ibrahim Mohammad Ibrahim al-Rantisi إبراهيم محمد إبراهيم الرنتيسي

Date of Birth: October 18, 2020

Date of Death: May 13, 2021

Age: 0 Y / 6 M

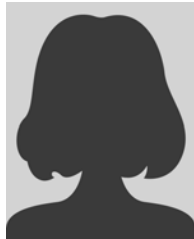
Incident Date: May 14, 2021 **Incident Ref No.** OGW010

Incident Location: Beit Lahiya, North Gaza Governorate

Perpetrator: Israeli forces

Type of Attack: Airstrike

At approximately 12:10 a.m., Israeli warplanes launched very violent bombardments in multiple areas in the northern Gaza Strip, dropping more than 100 missiles that hit multiple areas. At least two missiles hit the three-story house of Mahmoud al-Attar in Beit Lahiya, killing 26-year-old Lamia and her three children; eight-year-old Islam, six-year-old Amira, and eight-month-old Mohammad Zain.

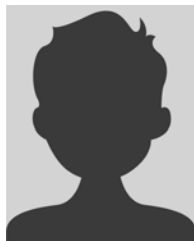


Amira Mohammad Mahmoud al-Attar أميرة محمد محمود العطار

Date of Birth: December 6, 2014

Date of Death: May 14, 2021

Age: 6 Y / 5 M

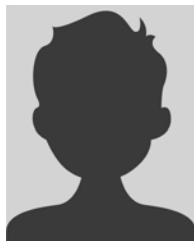


Islam Mohammad Mahmoud al-Attar إسلام محمد محمود العطار

Date of Birth: February 22, 2013

Date of Death: May 14, 2021

Age: 8 Y / 2 M



Mohammad Zain Mohammad Mahmoud al-Attar
محمد زين محمد محمود العطار

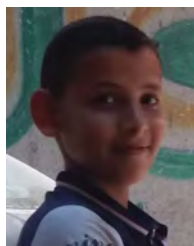
Date of Birth: August 4, 2020

Date of Death: May 14, 2021

Age: 0 Y / 9 M

Incident Date: May 14, 2021 **Incident Ref No.** OGW018
Incident Location: Gaza City, Gaza Governorate
Perpetrator: Israeli forces
Type of Attack: Airstrike

Around 8:00 p.m., Israeli warplanes fired two missiles at the six-story Al-Rabee'a Building in the heart of Gaza City. The airstrike targeted a flat on the second floor, destroying the second and third floors and killing two people, including 12-year-old Abdullah Jouda, and wounding 12 others, including Abdullah's younger brother. The bombing was an attempt to assassinate one of Al-Quds Brigade's field. The Israeli warplanes directly targeted the Ashraf Jouda's apartment without prior warning, which led to the destruction of three apartments and the killing of his son Abdullah.



Abdullah Ashraf Abdullah Jouda

عبد الله أشرف عبد الله جودة

Date of Birth: August 11, 2008

Date of Death: May 14, 2021

Age: 12 Y / 9 M

Incident Date: May 14, 2021 **Incident Ref No.** OGW020
Incident Location: Jabalia, North Gaza Governorate
Perpetrator: Palestinian group
Type of Attack: Unguided rocket

Six-year-old Butheina Mahmoud Issa Obaid was most likely killed by shrapnel from an unguided rocket fired by Palestinian armed groups, according to documentation collected by DCIP. She was playing outside her home in Jabalia when she was struck in the head with shrapnel on May 14.



Butheina Mahmoud Issa Obaid

بثينة محمود عيسى عبيد

Date of Birth: March 3, 2015

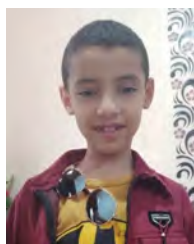
Date of Death: May 14, 2021

Age: 6 Y / 2 M

Incident Date: May 15, 2021 **Incident Ref No.** OGW019
Incident Location: Al-Shati refugee camp, Gaza Governorate
Perpetrator: Israeli forces

Type of Attack: Airstrike

Around 1:30 a.m., an Israeli warplane targeted the three-story house of Alaa Abu Hatab near Al-Sousi Mosque in Al-Shati refugee. The strike occurred without prior notice and 10 people, including eight children. The airstrike completely destroyed the house.



Abdurrahman Mohammad Sobhi al-Hadidi

عبد الرحمن محمد صبحي الحديدي

Date of Birth: July 21, 2013

Date of Death: May 15, 2021

Age: 7 Y / 9 M



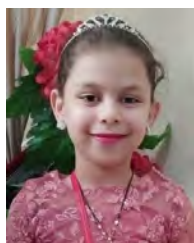
Bilal Alaa Mohammad Abu Hatab

بلال علاء محمد أبو حطب

Date of Birth: January 2, 2012

Date of Death: May 15, 2021

Age: 9 Y / 4 M



Miriam Alaa Mohammad Abu Hatab

مريم علاء محمد أبو حطب

Date of Birth: August 8, 2013

Date of Death: May 15, 2021

Age: 7 Y / 9 M



Yamen Alaa Mohammad Abu Hatab

يامن علاء محمد أبو حطب

Date of Birth: August 8, 2015

Date of Death: May 15, 2021

Age: 5 Y / 9 M



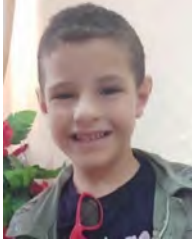
Yousef Alaa Mohammad Abu Hatab

يوسف علاء محمد أبو حطب

Date of Birth: September 22, 2010

Date of Death: May 15, 2021

Age: 10 Y / 7 M



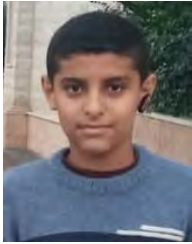
Osama Mohammad Sobhi al-Hadidi

أسامة محمد صبحي الحديدي

Date of Birth: October 5, 2015

Date of Death: May 15, 2021

Age: 5 Y / 7 M



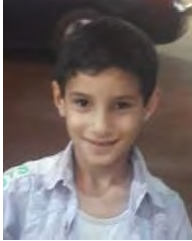
Suheib Mohammad Sobhi al-Hadidi

صهيب محمد صبحي الحديدي

Date of Birth: June 29, 2008

Date of Death: May 15, 2021

Age: 12 Y / 10 M



Yahya Mohammad Sobhi al-Hadidi

يحيي محمد صبحي الحديدي

Date of Birth: September 5, 2010

Date of Death: May 15, 2021

Age: 10 Y / 8 M

Incident Date:

May 15, 2021

Incident Ref No. OGW022

Incident Location:

Shuja'iyya, Gaza City, Gaza Governorate

Perpetrator:

Israeli forces

Type of Attack:

Drone-fired missile

Around 1:30 p.m., an Israeli drone fired a missile at a group of boys and youths. The youths were standing near Al-Jumaa market in Gaza City's Shuja'iyya neighborhood. The strike killed two, including 17-year-old Mohammad Bhar in addition to injuring five others. Mohammad's father confirmed that while Muhammad was returning from the shop opposite to their house, when he was struck with shrapnel in the lower chest. Mohammad succumbed to his injury during his transfer to Shifa hospital.



Mohammad Ahmad Atya Bhar

محمد أحمد عطية ابهار

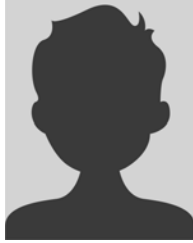
Date of Birth: February 17, 2004

Date of Death: May 15, 2021

Age: 17 Y / 2 M

Incident Date: May 16, 2021 **Incident Ref No.** OGW021
Incident Location: Gaza City, Gaza Governorate
Perpetrator: Israeli forces
Type of Attack: Airstrike

Israeli warplanes bombarded two parallel streets in the center Gaza City targeted two parallel streets. Dozens of missiles fell on Al-Wehda Street and the Egyptian Embassy Street. The bombardment targeted citizens' homes, residential buildings, main streets, the Ministry of Labor and the Ministry of Social Development. Eyewitnesses from the area said that the two parallel streets were targeted with approximately 25 missiles at least. The airstrikes resulted in the death of 43 civilians, including 18 children and 12 women, in addition to wounding 77 civilians, including 25 children and 10 women



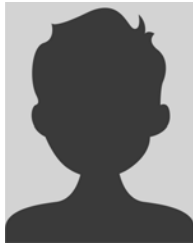
Adam Izzat Mu'in al-Qawlaq

Date of Birth: August 3, 2017

Date of Death: May 16, 2021

أدم عزت معين القولق

Age: 3 Y / 9 M



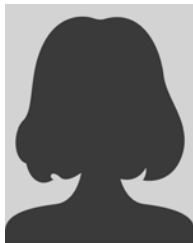
Zaid Izzat Mu'in al-Qawlaq

Date of Birth: April 16, 2013

Date of Death: May 16, 2021

زيد عزت معين القولق

Age: 8 Y / 1 M

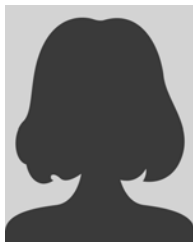


Hala Mohammad Mu'in al-Qawlaq

Date of Birth: August 15, 2008

Date of Death: May 16, 2021

Age: 12 Y / 9 M



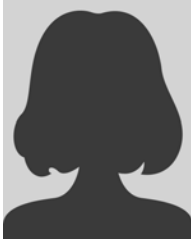
Rula Mohammad Mu'in al-Qawlaq

Date of Birth: September 30, 2015

Date of Death: May 16, 2021

رولا محمد معين القولق

Age: 5 Y / 7 M



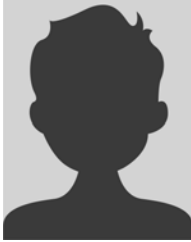
Yara Mohammad Mu'in al-Qawlaq

Date of Birth: July 24, 2011

Date of Death: May 16, 2021

يارا محمد معين القولق

Age: 9 Y / 9 M



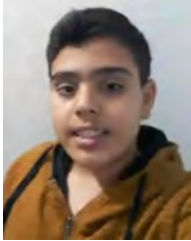
Qusai Sameh Fawwaz al-Qawlaq

Date of Birth: November 12, 2020

Date of Death: May 16, 2021

قصي سامح فواز القولق

Age: 0 Y / 6 M



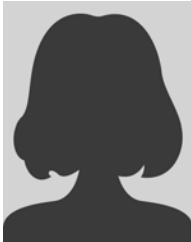
Ahmad Shukri Ameen al-Qawlaq

Date of Birth: August 30, 2005

Date of Death: May 16, 2021

أحمد شكري أمين القولق

Age: 15 Y / 8 M



Hana Shukri Ameen al-Qawlaq

Date of Birth: September 28, 2006

Date of Death: May 16, 2021

هنا شكري أمين القولق

Age: 14 Y / 7 M



Ameer Rami Riad al-Ifranji

Date of Birth: April 16, 2012

Date of Death: May 16, 2021

أمير رامي رياض الإفرنجي

Age: 9 Y / 1 M



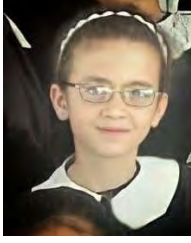
Dima Rami Riad al-Ifranji

Date of Birth: May 24, 2005

Date of Death: May 16, 2021

ديما رامي رياض الإفرنجي

Age: 15 Y / 11
M



Mira Rami Riad al-Ifranji
Date of Birth: December 31, 2009
Date of Death: May 16, 2021

ميرا رامي رياض الإفرنجي
Age: 11 Y / 4 M



Yazan Rami Riad al-Ifranji
Date of Birth: April 7, 2008
Date of Death: May 16, 2021

يزن رامي رياض الإفرنجي
Age: 13 Y / 1 M



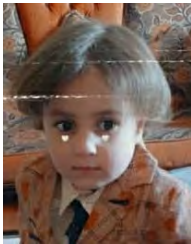
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Date of Death: May 16, 2021

دانا رياض حسن اشكنتنا
Age: 9 Y / 1 M



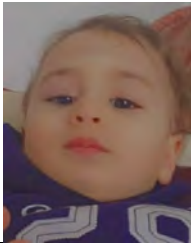
Lana Riad Hasan Ishkantna
Date of Birth: September 3, 2015
Date of Death: May 16, 2021

لانا رياض حسن اشكنتنا
Age: 5 Y / 8 M



Yahya Riad Hasan Ishkantna
Date of Birth: December 14, 2016
Date of Death: May 16, 2021

يحيي رياض حسن اشكنتنا
Age: 4 Y / 5 M



Zain Riad Hasan Ishkantna
Date of Birth: February 7, 2019
Date of Death: May 16, 2021

زين رياض حسن اشكنتنا
Age: 2 Y / 3 M



Tala Ayman Tawfeeq Abu al-Auf

تالا أيمن توفيق أبو العوف

Date of Birth: March 5, 2008

Date of Death: May 16, 2021

Age: 13 Y / 2 M



Tawfeeq Ayman Tawfeeq Abu al-Auf

توفيق أيمن توفيق أبو العوف

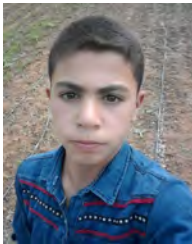
Date of Birth: August 26, 2003

Date of Death: May 16, 2021

Age: 17 Y / 8 M

Incident Date: May 17, 2021 **Incident Ref No.** OGW024
Incident Location: Deir Al-Balah, Deir Al-Balah Governorate
Perpetrator: Israeli forces
Type of Attack: Drone-fired missile

Around 12:40 p.m.. an Israeli drone fired a missile at Rafeeq al-Baz's house, located near the street leading to Al-Aqsa Martyrs hospital in Deir Al-Balah. Rafeeq's 13-year-old son Yousef was killed, while his 16-year-old brother Ramadan was critically injured after being hit by shrapnel. The boys were transferred to Shuhada' Al-Aqsa Hospital, where Yousef was pronounced dead.



Yousef Rafeeq Ismail al-Baz

يوسف رفيق إسماعيل الباز

Date of Birth: May 5, 2008

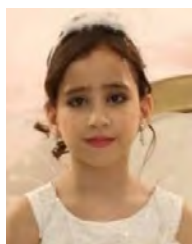
Date of Death: May 17, 2021

Age: 13 Y / 0 M

Incident Date: May 17, 2021 **Incident Ref No.** OGW023
Incident Location: Gaza City, Gaza Governorate
Perpetrator: Israeli forces
Type of Attack: Airstrike

At approximately 6:45 p.m., Israeli F16 warplanes targeted the upper three floors of the seven-story Ghazi Shawa Building on Al-Wehda Street in Gaza City. The families of the two brothers, Mershed and Zeyad Abu Dayer, were having lunch in their garden nearby. Shrapnel

and rubble from the air raid scattered everywhere. 10-year-old Rafeef was killed after she was struck by shrapnel in the leg and suffered internal bleeding, likely due to the force of the explosion. Her uncle Zeyad, 54, was killed after being hit by shrapnel in the head. 10 other people were also wounded, including seven from the Abu Dayer family. Most of the injuries were minor and were transferred to Al-Shifa hospital.



Rafeef Mershed Kamel Abu Dayer

رفيف مرشد كامل أبو دايير

Date of Birth: May 25, 2010

Date of Death: May 17, 2021

Age: 10 Y / 11 M

Incident Date: May 19, 2021 **Incident Ref No.** OGW026
Incident Location: Deir Al-Balah, Deir Al-Balah Governorate
Perpetrator: Palestinian group
Type of Attack: Unguided rocket

Naghham Iyad Abdulfattah Salha, 2, was likely killed by an unguided rocket launched by a Palestinian armed group. Nagham was killed alongside her parents, Iyad and Imhawish, in their second floor apartment.



Naghham Iyad Abdulfattah Salha

نغم اياد عبد الفتاح صالحه

Date of Birth: July 5, 2018

Date of Death: May 19, 2021

Age: 2 Y / 10 M

Incident Date: May 19, 2021 **Incident Ref No.** OGW025
Incident Location: Jablia, North Gaza Governorate
Perpetrator: Israeli forces
Type of Attack: Drone-fired missile

At approximately 8:00 p.m. Dima was returning from her sister's house adjacent to her family's house on Al-Sikka Street near Imam Shafea Mosque in Jabalia, North Gaza, when an Israeli drone fired a missile on the street. She was killed after being hit by shrapnel all over the body and she was transferred to the Indonesian hospital. Dima was returning home with the family's electric bread cooker when she was targeted.



Dima Sa'd Ali Asaliya

Date of Birth: August 22, 2010

Date of Death: May 19, 2021

ديما سعد علي عسليية

Age: 10 Y / 8 M