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The Palestine Monitor - www.palestinemonitor.org "Either we die, or we live without an occupation. We don't have 'options'. " (Palestinian from Jenin area, 2 March 2002) Israeli attacks in the last few days have been extreme. Such violence is immoral and inhuman. ...Sharon's attacks on Balata and Jenin have killed 24 Palestinians in 24 hours, and injured approximately 200..."

PINA - <http://www.pinaonline.com/> Over Balata-camp en veel meer.

Informatie-tips met details hierna

* 5/3 TV op Nederland 1 om 23.05 uur. Over oorlogsmisdaden.

* 5&7/3 Studium Generale Wageningen: Standplaats Intifadah

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Meningsuitingen [picketline, demonstratie] bij de Israelische ambassade te Den Haag zijn en blijven verboden [door burgemeester Deetman]. Enkelen wilden daar op 8 maart - vrouwendag - een picketline hebben met o.a. als motto: "zonder bezetting bevalt beter", mag niet.

Bericht over de demonstratie op 27-2 in Brussel, voor het gebouw van de Raad van Europa.

Zie <http://www.nieuwsklik.nl/trouw/BUI/brussel-20227.html> en een bericht hieronder van Luisa Morgantini.

De manifestatie trok zo'n 5000 personen.

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De NPK-site bevat een verklaring over de actuele situatie.

Stimuleer Kamervragen, adressen op www.parlement.nl.

NPK/WL, 3-3-2002 ■

TV-tip: Zie dinsdag 5-3 Nederland 1 om 23.05 uur

Het andere gezicht, IKON

A blind eye to warcrimes?

Don't say you didn't know, israeli voices against the occupation

Met

Shulamit Aloni - voormalig minister van onderwijs

Gideon Levy - columnist Ha'aretz

Yehuda Shinhav - professor sociale wetenschappen tel aviv universiteit

Yitzhak La'or - schrijver dichter

Yair Rosen Tsvi - dienstweigeraar bezette gebieden

Yessica Montell - directeur B'Tselem ■

Thema-avonden Studium Generale Wageningen

Datum: 05/03/2002 Tijd: 20:00 uur

Standplaats Intifadah - Palestine Histoire d'une Terre

Franse documentaire van Simone Bitton (NL ondertiteling; 2 uur) volgt het conflict vanaf de opkomst van het zionisme tot aan de Oslo Akkoorden. Met uniek beeldmateriaal en een historische blik op het verloop van het Midden-Oostenconflict.

Datum: 07/03/2002 Tijd: 20:00 uur

Standplaats Intifadah - From Oslo to the Future of Peace

Imad Sabi, former political prisoner [administrative detainee] and PhD scholar, together with Martin Jan Heijmans, former correspondent and Middle East expert associated with organizations supporting Israeli peace and human rights movements, trace "The Peace Process" as experienced by Palestinians in the Occupied Territories, and by Israelis, drawing attention to the reality of diverse perspectives on this issue.

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http://www.wur.nl/rsc/bullet/paars/paars_triangle.gif

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Toelichting:

Naar aanleiding van de huidige Intifadah en het aanhoudende geweld tussen Palestijnen en Israel organiseert Studium Generale van de Wageningen Universiteit en Researchcentrum op 5, 7, 14 en 21 maart de serie Standplaats Intifadah "Perspectieven op Palestina over een aantal kernvragen rond dit conflict. Hoewel vlak na 11 september in de publieke opinie eventuele acties van de VS in Afghanistan direct werden gekoppeld aan een duurzame oplossing voor het Palestina-conflict, lijken deze gedachten inmiddels weer volledig verdwenen uit de discussie. Intussen is het dodental van de Intifadah opgelopen tot boven de duizend en lijkt niemand nog zicht te hebben op hoe de voortdurende cyclus van geweld en tegengeweld kan worden doorbroken. In een serie van vier avonden worden de volgende vragen behandeld: Wat zijn de achtergronden van het Palestina-conflict en welke ontwikkelingen hebben geleid tot de Oslo Akkoorden - ook wel bekend als 'het Vredesproces'? Wat staat er binnen de huidige patstelling op het spel voor de verschillende partijen en welke visies zijn er op de mogelijkheden voor vrede? Achter de overheersende polarisatie gaat een diversiteit aan meningen en toekomstvisies schuil van zowel Israelische als Palestijnse kant, die in de berichtgeving grotendeels verloren gaat. Hoe beïnvloedt deze berichtgeving in de media ons begrip van het conflict en onze gedachtevorming over mogelijke oplossingsrichtingen? En hoe ziet de dagelijkse realiteit in de Bezette Gebieden er eigenlijk uit? ■

Contact gezocht met overlevenden van Sabra-Shatila.

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CODIP attendeert ook op

* Not in My Name www.nimn.org

* Matzpun-pleidooi voor boycot <http://www.matzpun.com/>

* Boycot-site http://www.aquascript.com/psc/campaign_display.asp?campaign=100 ■

More than 5,000 people from Europe demonstrate in front of European parliament in Bruxelles for the end of occupation and a just peace in Palestine and Israel.

Great success for the first European demonstration ever held in Bruxelles for a just and lasting peace in Palestine. and Israel, asking for the immediate withdrawal of Israeli arms from occupied territories within the borders of 1967, the presence of an international force in the zone to protect Palestinian civil population and the immediate suspension of trade agreement between EU and Israel. Yesterday; more than 5,000 people from Italy, France, Belgium, Germany, Netherlands, and other countries, together with Palestinians and Arabs and many Jewish group for peace; marched in the normally quiet Bruxelles asking to European Union to act positively for peace in Palestine. The demonstration was organized through European countries by and several NGO; Trade Unions, political parties took part to it. The warm and crowded presence of so many people from different countries and organizations, all so concerned and ready to organize themselves in support of Palestinians; is also the result of the determined and patient work of several ONG in: organizing civil missions in Palestine; to give their support and to guarantee international protection to civil population in occupied territories. The work these groups of volunteers has been important for those suffering people, but also helped to arise the consciousness of people in Europe about the Palestinian question. While the crowd, with flags and posters asking "STOP OCCUPATION", "NO APARTHEID", "NO MORE KILLING", STOP SHARON -"OCCUPATION KILLS US ALL" - was streaming through the road in front of European Commission; the European Parliament and the European Council; international delegations went to meet members of the Parliament, of the Commission AND Council of Europe to ask a prompt intervention of

Europe in the matter, beyond the words several times expressed by the Parliament.

Many European members of parliament took part to the demonstrations; from different political groups, like the Unitarian Left Green-Nordics, Verts/ale, Socialist group, liberal group. The march ended in a hall; so full that the people stayed crowding the street in front of the entrance in order to discuss future action where many representative of different ONG took the floor. Just before, in front of the European Parliament in place Luxembourg, where the demo gathered, Jamal Zakout from Gaza and member of the Palestinian National Council; Michel Warshascky from the Alternative Information Center from Israel, Luisa Morgantini member of European Parliament and Women in Black from Italy, Pierre Galand Coordinator of ECPP from Belgium and Fernand Thuile coordinator of the twinning between Palestinian refugee camps and towns from France, spoke denouncing the situation and asking again the European authorities to play an autonomous role in Foreign Policies and to act according to the resolution very clearly and strongly blaming the occupation and the constant violation of human rights performed by Israel and asking an international force in the Region.

In the meantime the Movement for Civil Mission to protect civilian population is going on. The next massive participation in Palestine and Israel, in coordination with Grass Root International Protection for Palestinian population, coordinated by the umbrella of ONG in PNGO and other from Palestine, will see new massive events on Easter Time. ■

Israel Steps Up Attacks against Palestinian Refugee Camps

Palestinians Call for Massive Demonstrations in All of the 1967 Occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip

According to information confirmed by Palestinian and Israeli sources, the Israeli occupation army has invented a special method for its house-to-house searches currently conducted in the Balata and Jenin refugee camps located in the northern West Bank. "Walking through the walls" is the new Israeli way in which the army tries to protect its soldiers from the determined Palestinian resistance in the narrow alleys of the camps.

"Walking through the walls" means knocking holes in and tearing down the walls of Palestinian civilian homes in

order to enable Israeli soldiers to move safely from one Palestinian home to the next. "Palestinian refugee shelters with their simple block-construction are well suited for this purpose," explained an Israeli military correspondent yesterday. Asked whether this would not have terrible consequences for the civilians living in these homes, the correspondent confirmed that, "Yes, of course they suffer a lot." (Israeli TV, main news program, 28-2-2002).

Contrary to Israeli news reports which hold that the majority of the civilian population of the Balata camp

has heeded an Israeli call for evacuation, Palestinian sources have stated that most of the some 20,000 residents of the camp have remained in their homes. By noon of today, the number of civilian injuries in Balata camp caused by the use of explosives inside homes and helicopter gunshot shelling is increasing rapidly, with some two dozen women and children already reported hospitalized.

The current Israeli attack on Palestinian refugee camps started in the evening of 28 February with a night raid of Balata refugee camp (Nablus) by paratrooper units supported by some 30 tanks and Apache helicopters. One Israeli soldier was killed in the early stages of the raid, several others have been injured lightly. Subsequent Israeli attacks have targeted Khan Younis refugee camp (Gaza Strip) and Jenin refugee camp (West Bank), and today, ground raids and house-to-house searches were launched also in the Jenin camp. 13 Palestinians (6 in Balata camp and 7 in Jenin camp) have so far been killed in this latest Israeli assault; more than 150 persons have been injured.

Israel's government and its right wing supporters have identified the Palestinian refugee camps of Balata, Jenin, Nur Shams (Tulkarem), Khan Younis and Rafah (Gaza Strip) as "hotbeds of terrorism." They declared that the current military assault will "signal to the Palestinians that there is no safe haven, not even in the refugee camps." However, criticism of the current military operations can be heard from some Israeli politicians, the media, and even from among unnamed army sources, who caution that the action resembles previous Sharon-led incursions into camps during the Lebanon war (an allegation to the 1982 massacre in the Beirut refugee camps of Sabra and Shatila by Yossi Sarid, Meretz), warn of further escalation, and demand an immediate Israeli withdrawal from the camps. Israeli peace groups are mobilizing for a demonstration in Jerusalem on Saturday, 2 March, demanding an immediate Israeli withdrawal from the 1967 occupied Palestinian territories.

Palestinians have been outraged by Israel's attack against the refugee camps, which are operated by the United Nations (UNRWA), and protected under international law (e.g., the Fourth Geneva (Civilians) Convention and the two additional Protocols to that Convention). According

to Article 50 (Protocol 1), the presence of individual combatants within a civilian population, including refugee camps, does not deprive the population of its civilian status and protection. Article 27 of the Fourth Geneva Convention requires that civilians be treated humanely at all times and shall be protected against acts of violence. Article 33 of the Fourth Geneva Convention states that no person may be punished for an offence he or she has not personally committed, and categorically prohibits any form of "collective punishment."

The first massive Palestinian response came yesterday afternoon (28 February) in form of a gun-shooting attack against the Israeli colony of Gilo (Jerusalem), after Fatah resistance fighters declared that the shooting on Gilo will not stop until the Israeli army withdraws from Balata refugee camp. A 15 year old boy was shot dead by live ammunition in his home in al-Khader village (Bethlehem). The gunfire exchange plus Israeli helicopter shelling of Aida refugee camp and the town of Beit Jala continued throughout the whole night, resulting in minor injuries and damage in Gilo and the Palestinian communities.

As of noon today, the Israeli raids in Balata and Jenin refugee camps continue, despite a call on the Israeli government by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan for an immediate halt to the attack. The High Committee of National and Islamic Forces in the 1967 Occupied Palestinian Territories has called for massive popular demonstrations against the Israeli raids on refugee camps. Demonstrators will urgently call upon the United Nations and representatives of foreign governments in Palestine to provide immediate international intervention and protection.

For more on the protection rights of Palestinian refugee camps, see: BADIL Occasional Bulletin no. 6 (May 2001), at: www.badil.org/Publications/Bulletins/B_6.htm

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According to the IDF Commander of forces on the West Bank:

The purpose of these raids - to provoke resistance and kill

Today at 1.00 PM Israeli time, Brigadier-General Gershon Yitzchak, Commander of Israeli forces on the West Bank told Israeli radio in so many words said that "the main purpose of our operation [in the refugee camps] is to kill armed Palestinians who stand up to fight against us. We have already killed at least twenty."

So the purpose of these raids - to provoke and kill...

Still, we can't believe that Brigadier-General Gershon Yitzchak is very proud of the following list of today's casualties, which we received from HearPalestine (contact briefing@hearpalestine.org)

- * Mariya Abu Siriya (10 years), Jenin Refugee Camp
- * Khalid Nijm (19 years), Jenin Refugee Camp
- * Mahmoud al-Azab (33 years), Jenin Refugee Camp
- * Yasser al-Sabagh (19 years), Jenin Refugee Camp
- * Iyad al-Sabagh (11 years), Jenin Refugee Camp
- * Amin Zabaya (17 years), Jenin Refugee Camp
- * Mahmoud Alloush (60 years), Balata Refugee Camp
- * Ibrahim Talalqa (7 years), Beit Hanoun
- * Hakam Abu Eisha (25 years), Nablus

It is hard to believe that all 9, also the 7, 10, 11 and 60 year old were armed fighters. But when you break through walls and spray with bullets every room before letting the soldiers enter, this is what you may get in a densely populated area.

In the past days the number of combat soldiers and officers refusing service in the occupied territories has

again risen and stands now at 300. (See <http://www.seruv.org>). Tomorrow during daytime, there will be solidarity protests at two military prisoners where refusers are being jailed. Tomorrow night peace activists will march in protest in Jerusalem and carry death notices with the inscription "We mourn the deaths of 1114 Israelis and Palestinians - Sharon's idea of peace and security" and signs with "Get Out of the Territories." (For more: <http://www.peacenow.org.il>)

NB: Full transcript of the war crimes panel available on the Gush site

For Hebrew <http://www.gush-shalom.org/archives/forum.html>

For English http://www.gush-shalom.org/archives/forum_eng.html

Also on the site: the weekly Gush Shalom ad - in Hebrew and English the columns of Uri Avnery - in Hebrew, Arab and English (and a lot more)

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