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## Inhoud

Nogmaals: Zondag 16 juni om 15 uur, Brussel - Jubelpark

Bijeenkomst voor politieke, culturele en humanitaire solidariteit met het Palestijnse volk, voor een rechtvaardige en duurzame vrede in het Midden-Oosten

N.B. een eerder ook op 16-6 beoogde benefiet-bijeenkomst in het Oosterpark te Amsterdam komt na de zomer.

Maandag 17-6 Haidar Abdel-Shafi in Amsterdam, welkom. Meer hierna.

Den Haag had een vriendschapsband met Bethlehem, Deetman verbrak die band het afgelopen jaar.

Bethlehem District Under Apartheid - June 2002

Bethlehem district has been a target of massive Israeli colonization activities due to Bethlehem's proximity from Jerusalem. Through confiscation of land and the construction of colonies, by pass and military roads around the boundaries of Bethlehem district, Israel managed to totally separate the district from Jerusalem as well as expand the illegal boundaries of Jerusalem...Read more

<http://www.poica.org/casestudies/bethlehem-comprehensive/index.html>

The Israeli Security Zones make up 45.25% of the West Bank Including 158 Israeli Colonies.

After further inquiry, field work investigation and map analysis, the Applied Research Institute- Jerusalem has succeeded to draw a map of Sharon's actual motive behind his security plan in the West Bank, that of creation of an apartheid system in the territories. Read more at

<http://www.poica.org/casestudies/security-zones/index.html>

Map showing how much was accomplished after 10 years of negotiation.

B'Tselem's executive director Jessica Montell: "A total of 41.9 percent of the area in the West Bank is controlled by the settlements."

[www.btselem.org/English/Publications/Summaries/Land\\_Grab\\_Map.asp](http://www.btselem.org/English/Publications/Summaries/Land_Grab_Map.asp)

[www.fmep.org/reports/2002/v12n1\\_p5\\_lg\\_map.html](http://www.fmep.org/reports/2002/v12n1_p5_lg_map.html)

Palestinian leader accuses Israel of torture

Israelis deny claim that key Arafat ally is suffering physical abuse

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/israel/Story/0,2763,736337,00.html>

Some Myths About Israel-Palestine, Robert Keeley, former U.S. Ambassador to Greece

<http://www.jerusalem-times.net/article/news/details/detail.asp?id=1347>

Palestine <http://www.hejleh.com/countries/palestine.html#2>

## Hierna

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Geldt niet alleen voor Mofaz.

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**"No peace without human rights"**

# UITNODIGING

*Discussie over de situatie in de Bezette gebieden met Dr. Haidar Abdel-Shafi.*

*Op maandag 17 juni 2002 in het kantoor van Amnesty International*

Haidar Abdel-Shafi (1919), die in Nederland is op uitnodiging van verschillende non-gouvernementele organisaties, wordt beschouwd als een van de weinige echt onafhankelijke en kritische geesten in de Palestijnse beweging. Abdel-Shafi begon zijn carrière als chirurg, maar staat bovenal bekend als een zeer gerespecteerd politicus. Abdel-Shafi's kracht spreekt uit het feit dat hij niet alleen de Israelische bezetting aan de kaak stelt, maar dat hij ook de mensenrechtenschendingen, corruptie en het ondemocratische optreden van de Palestijnse Autoriteit bekritiseert. Abdel-Shafi is sinds 1972 voorzitter van de Palestijnse Rode Halve Maan, de Palestijnse zusterorganisatie van het Rode Kruis, in Gaza.

Abdel-Shafi is uitermate sceptisch over- en een verklaard tegenstander van de voorbije vredesbesprekingen in het kader van het 'Oslo-proces'. Hij ziet weinig in nieuwe onderhandelingen tenzij Israël voldoet aan enkele basisvoorwaarden zoals het stopzetten van de nederzettingenpolitiek, het erkennen van het recht van de Palestijnen op zelfbeschikking, het erkennen van het recht op een eigen staat en het recht op terugkeer van de Palestijnse vluchtelingen. De Palestijnen kunnen volgens hem alleen slagen in welke onderhandeling dan ook, als zij hun eigen maatschappij democratiseren, als de mensenrechten worden gerespecteerd en als er een einde komt aan de corruptie.

De tweede Intifada die in september 2000 begon heeft aan beide kanten veel slachtoffers gekost: meer dan 1600 Palestijnen tegenover meer dan 300 Israelische slachtoffers. Gesteld kan worden dat de Intifada het definitieve einde betekent van wat werd genoemd het 'vredesproces' dat in 1993 begon met de ondertekening van de 'Oslo-akkoorden'. Ondanks deze overeenkom-

sten gingen praktijken als het vernielen van huizen, administratieve detentie, willekeurige arrestaties, marteling, deportaties gewoon door. Aan Palestijnse kant werden geregeld op grote schaal politieke tegenstanders gearresteerd, de doodstraf werd uitgevoerd en gevangenen werden in oneerlijke processen berecht.

Een groot manco van de 'Oslo-akkoorden' was volgens Amnesty dat deze niet gegroundvest waren op respect voor, en bescherming van de mensenrechten. Volgens Amnesty International is er geen oplossing mogelijk zolang de mensenrechten niet gerespecteerd worden, door alle partijen. Amnesty roept beide partijen op akkoord te gaan met het inzetten van onafhankelijke internationale waarnemers.

Bij de discussie zal op bovenstaande worden ingegaan. De discussie zal om 20:00 uur starten en wordt geleid door Willem Offenbergh, hoofdredacteur van het maandblad *Wordt Vervolgd*. De voertaal is Engels.

19.45: zaal open  
20.00: opening en introductie door Willem Offenbergh  
20.10: Haider Abdel-Shafi over de huidige crisis  
20.45: discussie o.l.v. Willem Offenbergh  
21.45: einde

Het adres is Amnesty International, Keizersgracht 620 in Amsterdam en is te bereiken met tram 16, 24 en 25 vanaf het CS, halte Keizersgracht.

U kunt zich voor deze avond opgeven bij Evert-Jan Grit, e.grit@amnesty.nl, telefoon 020-626 44 36.

Kom in actie voor 'Abdelsalam 'Adwan.

Klik op: <http://www.amnesty.nl/acties/NK-MAI0015.html> ■

*Mofaz Responsible for "War Crimes" (shown at the bottom of this posting) received a lot of attention by activists and human rights' defenders. It is in point to recall an earlier article titled "If I were Mofaz" by Uri Avnery which is re-posted hereunder...*

## If I were Mofaz

*By Uri Avnery, January 1, 2002*

If I were Shaul Mofaz, I would by now be very worried indeed.

In Belgium, Ariel Sharon is standing trial for his part in the Sabra and Shatila events of 19 years ago. At first, he treated this as a joke. No more. Now he is spending a fortune (of our money) on this trial.

The prosecution argues that Sharon, then Israel's Minister of Defense, being responsible for occupied Beirut, allowed a bunch of notorious murderers into the camps of defenseless refugees, where they indiscriminately killed men and women, old people and children. The Israeli Commission of Inquiry ordered his dismissal and charged him with "indirect responsibility." The Belgian prosecutors are trying to charge him with direct responsibility.

Perhaps the trial will be abandoned, perhaps Sharon will be found not guilty. But if he is found guilty, an international warrant may be issued for his arrest and he will be liable to be arrested the moment he sets foot in Europe.

This is only a beginning. The international campaign against war crimes is progressing rapidly. A permanent International Court for war crimes is going to be set up. After Belgium, other countries will enact laws for the trial of foreign war criminals in their courts. The definition of war crimes will be widened, and so will the cooperation between states, especially in Europe.

The trial of an acting head of government for alleged war crimes committed 19 years ago is an important precedent. No less important is the decision handed down this week by the Israeli Supreme Court, denying Ehud Yatom the right to hold any important security position. Yatom murdered two bound prisoners in cold blood, with his own hands. This happened 17 years ago, when he was a high-ranking officer of the Shin-Beth security service. He maintained in his defense that he had only followed orders and acted according to existing "norms" (terrible words for a Jewish ear). At the time he had requested and received a pardon, thus practically admitting to the despicable deed.

(This was part of the infamous 1984 "bus line 300 affair," the kidnapping of a bus by four unarmed Palestinian

youngsters. Two were killed when the bus was stormed, the other two murdered after capture. Haolam Hazeh magazine, whose editor I was at the time, played a leading role in uncovering the crime.)

This coming summer, Shaul Mofaz is about to be relieved. That will be the end of his military career. Or will it?

In one, five or twenty years, somebody may get up and sue Mofaz in The Hague, Brussels or anywhere else for acts committed under his command. For example: the "liquidations".

If this happens, Mofaz will have to explain to foreign judges why he initiated and ordered the murder of Palestinian personalities, including political figures. The prosecutors will probably argue that these were executions without trial, in which Mofaz and his officers served simultaneously as prosecutors, judges and hangmen.

The same goes for the so-called "ascertaining killing" (viduh harigah in Hebrew), meaning the killing of helpless wounded enemies. Over this contemptible act there flies the "black flag," even under Israeli law. During the Mofaz's term of command (and even before) this has become the norm.

Anyone who obeys such instructions (see Ehud Yatom) fulfils a "manifestly illegal order," meaning an order which any sane person, as primitive as he may be, knows is illegal. (So defined by Judge Benjamin Halevy, presiding over the Court Martial, in his famous "black flag" judgment condemning the perpetrators of the 1956 Kufri Kasseem massacre.) It follows that the risk of prosecution hovers over many officers and soldiers, from general to simple private, who gave or executed such an order.

If anybody believes that this is an abstract danger, something merely theoretical or academic, he may sooner or later find out that he was sadly mistaken. The day may not be far off when an officer who commanded a "liquidation" action, the helicopter pilot who executed it, the lieutenant who ordered an "ascertaining killing" act and the simple soldier who did it - are all in constant fear when going abroad. And if the Israeli laws change when a different kind of government comes to power, as will surely happen one of these days, they will live in fear even in Israel.

Please remember: There is no time limit. A grandfather playing with his grandchildren may be prosecuted for war crimes he committed when a youngster. And there is no exemption because of grade - the sword of justice may descend equally on a private soldier and on the Minister of Defense.

The triangle responsible at present for everything happening in the occupied territories - Shaul Mofaz, Benjamin Ben-Eliezer and Ariel Sharon - would be well advised to have a good look at the photos of Slobodan Milosevic in The Hague. Not long ago he was an omnipotent ruler, who could

[\*] by a wink of his eyes authorize the murder of thousands of men (including young boys) or the rape of thousands of women (including young girls). Now he is in The Hague.

The way there may be shorter than it seems.

[\*] "could" is nooit een grond voor veroordeling, proces loopt nog, WL

15:52 Jun-13-2002 Thursday

## **Mofaz Responsible for "War Crimes"**

(IsraelNN.com) Former government minister and head of the left-wing Meretz party Shulamit Aloni states that IDF Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz is responsible for "war crimes and crimes against the Palestinian people" in a Channel 10 TV interview being aired tonight at 11:05pm.

Labeling the IDF chief "the worst commander ever," she added he is responsible for committing war crimes of for crimes committed against the PA.

The former cabinet minister also slams former IDF chief and Center party official Amnon Lipkin-Shachak as well as Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.  
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