

Murdered with Impunity: Americans Killed by the IDF and Israeli Settlers

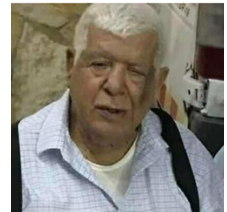
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American Citizens Killed in the West Bank Since Jan 1, 2022.

Killed by Israeli Forces

Omar Assad

Omar Assad (80) was found dead after being violently detained at a makeshift check-point in the West Bank on January 12th, 2022. Mr. Assad was stopped at an IDF checkpoint, dragged from his car, and then bound and blindfolded. He was then seen on the ground unresponsive after being abandoned. It was determined that due to the violence inflicted during his still undefined arrest, he suffered an untreated heart attack.



Shireen Abu Akleh

On May 11th, 2022, while wearing a clearly marked press vest, Shireen Abu Akleh, 51, was shot in the head by the IDF and suffered a lethal bullet wound while covering Israeli military activity in the West bank. U.S. Colonel Steve Gabavics has since publicly reported that his investigation into the murder was repressed by the U.S. Ambassador to Israel. After further investigation the USSC determined “that gunfire from IDF positions was likely responsible for the death of Shireen Abu Akleh.” Contradictions between Israeli stories and private investigation, as well as the state department's refusal to conduct an independent investigator warrants further assessment into the cause of death.



Tawfic Abdel Jabbar

While driving to locate a place to grill for a picnic on January 19, 2024. Tawfic Abdel Jabbar, 17, was shot by the IDF repeatedly. The IDF then surrounded the car and blocked ambulances from gaining access for 15-minutes. Once at the hospital, he was pronounced dead upon arrival.



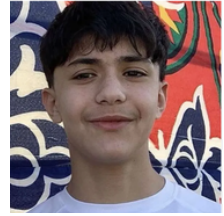
Aysenur Ezgi Egyi

Only three days after arriving, Aysenur, 26, was shot in the head by an Israeli sniper on September 6th, 2024. Aysenur traveled to the occupied West Bank to volunteer with Palestinian communities experiencing settler violence. An Israeli investigation concluded it was “highly likely” that Israeli troops fired the shot that killed her, while she attended a protest. No one has been prosecuted for her murder.

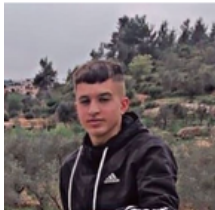


Amer Rabee

On April 6th, 2025, 14-year old Amer Rabee, a Palestinian - American was shot eleven times by IDF soldiers in the west bank town of Turmus Ayya. Though IDF soldiers claimed they were firing at “terrorists,” who were “throwing rocks,” a released video failed to provide sufficient evidence to support the IDF’s claim, and family members proclaim Amer was out picking almonds. After his death, Rabee’s body was taken to an Israeli military camp, where his parents later identified his body in a body, pockmarked with bullets.



Killed by Israeli Settlers

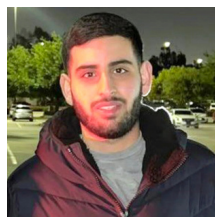
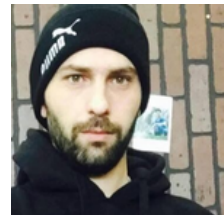


Mohammad Khmour

On February 10th, 2024, Mohammad Khmour, 17, was shot by an Israeli settler in a passing vehicle. No investigation has been pursued, and nobody has been held accountable.

Khamis Ayyad

After settlers violently attacked vehicles and homes in the occupied West Bank neighborhood of Silwad on July 31st, 2025, Khamis Ayyad died due to smoke inhalation as he and others attempted to extinguish the fires. These attacks occurred around 2am, waking local residents out of their sleep to surrounding cars and buildings burning around them.



Saifullah Kamel Musallet

Saifullah, at only 20 years old, was beaten to death by Israeli settlers on July 11th, 2025 while visiting his family in the West Bank. Saifullah was attempting to protect his family's land from settlers, and after being beaten, he was surrounded by these settlers for three-hours, blocking access from ambulances reaching him. He was then carried to an ambulance by his brother once the group cleared, and died before reaching the hospital.

Nasrallah Muhammad Jamal Abu Siyam

On February 18th, 2026, Abu Siyam was shot and killed by Israeli settlers in the West Bank, as he attempted to prevent the theft of nearly 350 sheep from his village of Mukhmas, near Ramallah. An Israeli army unit was stationed only 200 feet away, rather than supporting villagers in protecting their livestock, “fired tear gas, smoke grenades and rubber bullets at Palestinians.”



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