

In Memoriam

by David Brunetti



In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful
Fight them that Allah may punish them at your hands and disgrace them, and give you victory over them
and heal the hearts of a people who believe.

Surat At-Tawbah (The Repentance) Verse 14

The prince of martyrs, the martyred hero Ammar Abdul Majid ... the executer of the heroic operation in Kfar Sael on 17.02.2002.

The al-Aqsa Intifada (September 2000 and February 2005) was the second Palestinian uprising against the Israeli occupation. 2002 was the bloodiest year of the intifada. In retaliation to suicide bombings and attacks Israel decided to build the Separation Wall. Built beyond the Green Line and cutting deep into the West Bank it causes hardship to many and isolates Palestinians who are effectively trapped between Israel and West Bank. 1035 Palestinians and 438 Israelis lost their lives. And over the course of the year, most West Bank towns and villages saw repeated incursions and curfews.

In 2002, the city of Nablus, the largest city in the West Bank and its economic centre, had been targeted especially harshly. Israeli military forces carried out nightly raids and countless surgical as well as three major operations making normal life impossible. Hundreds of people died and countless buildings were destroyed without absolute military necessity.

In April 2002, Israeli military forces carried out an 18-day air and ground bombardment of Nablus, primarily in the Old City where approx. 23,000 Palestinians live. During this first invasion hundreds of civilian structures in the Old City of Nablus were damaged or destroyed.

In subsequent invasions (31 May – 6 June 2002 and 21 June – 12 October) Nablus residents were placed under 24 hour curfew for more than 100 consecutive days that turned the city into a prison.

The scars of the incursions were visible all over the city, which was dotted with memorials to those who had lost their lives. throughout the al-Aqsa intifada.



In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful
Indeed, Allah has purchased from the believers their lives and their wealth in exchange for that they will have Paradise. They fight in the cause of Allah, so they kill and are killed.

Surat At-Tawbah (The Repentance) Verse 111

The heroic martyred warrior, knight of the night,
Wajdi al Qaddumi (Abu Ghusun).

The eyes that genuinely see Paradise are guaranteed
to create a heart that is passionate of martyrdom.

Those passionate for martyrdom know not where
they will meet
Is it in death ...
Or in prison ...
Or in the shade of a meadow.



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Surat At-Tawbah (The Repentance) Verse 14



In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful
 And those who strive for Us – We will surely guide them to Our ways. And indeed, Allah is with the doers of good.

Surat Al-`Ankabut Verse 69
 God Almighty has spoken the truth

The Islamic Jihad Movement in Palestine

The home of the martyred hero Shadi Aouni Mansour martyred on 22.09.2002.

Not all of the heros take up arms. But he who fears God will arrive.

A gift offered by the Islamic Jihad movement





In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful

(and those who are righteous martyrs with their Lord, they shall have their reward and their light)

Surat Al-Hadīd (The Iron) Verse 19

God Almighty has spoken the truth

We will not forgive. We will not forget. In memory of the Israeli invasion. The massacre committed by the Israeli Army in April 2002.

A gift from The People's Palestinian Party

Samir Omar Shu'bi, Abeer Omar Shu'bi, Abdallah Samir Shu'bi, Azzam Samir Shu'bi, Omar Mohamad Shu'bi, Fatema Omar Shu'bi, Nabila Ghanem Shu'bi and infant, Anas Smir Shu'bi



In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful
 And the earth will shine with the light of its Lord, and the record of deeds will be presented, and the prophets
 and the witnesses will be summoned, and it will be judged between them in truth, and they will not be
 wronged.

Surat Az-Zumar (The Troops) Verse 69

The hero Martyr Abeer Toufik Hamdan who was martyred while executing a heroic operation on 01.09.2001.

Like a traveler in a pitch black night
 desperately seeking the moon,
 so will my people seek me at their
 times of great peril

And should I die... well, death is
 every man's destiny,
 no matter how long his days may
 be or how prolonged his years.

Should I live then I will continue
 the struggle I am famous for,
 with the same spears, swords and
 blond horses.

For we are people who do not
 accept half measures,
 We either take leadership among
 all people, or choose the tomb.

*Excerpt of Al Roumiyat by Prince
 Abu Firas Al Hamadani, Arab
 poet, philosopher and knight*



Allah – Mohammed

And never think of those who have been killed in the cause of Allah as dead. Rather, they are alive with their Lord.

Surat Āli Imrān (Family of Imran) Verse 169

The martyr hero Fadi Samer Al Sarwan

Should you live then live free
or else, like the trees, die standing

Fayez Abdul Rahman Shaqo	16.12.1988
Sameer Mohamad Shehadeh	28.12.1998
Ragheb Ziyad Ajaj	24.05.1993
Hakam Ismail Bakeer	07.03.1989
Mahmolud Jamal Ajmail	31.07.1996
Mu'ayad Jamal Ajmail	06.04.2002

Iyad Ahmad al Khushashi	29.09.2001
Sameh Nasser al Shneek	20.10.2002
Nasser Mustafa Abu Safieh	19.02.2004
Salim Omar Al Kussa	10.08.2004
aher Samir al Adham	16.08.2004
Nader Ibrahim Al Aswad	15.09.2004
Mohamad Rebhi Mar'ee	15.09.200?
Fadi Samer Al Sarwan	01.11.200?
Majdi Waddah Mar'ee	01.11.200?
Jihad Omar Abu Salha	01.11.200?



The place where the leader Fadi Al Sarwan was martyred.



And never think of those who have been killed in the cause of Allah as dead. Rather, they are alive with their Lord.

Surat Āli Imrān (Family of Imran) Verse 169

The den of the martyr Mahmoud Hamza Zaghloul
 The Peace of God is upon you. You are an angel from whose bleeding wound a sun carrying good tidings to the horizon of the rising sun will emerge.

Martyred on 30.9.2002



In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful
 And never think of those who have been killed in the cause of Allah as dead. Rather, they are alive with their Lord.

Surat Āli Imrān (Family of Imran) Verse 169

The den of the martyrs:

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| the martyr Rami Waddah Darwazah | 05.04.2002 |
| the martyr Ahmad Al Assali | 07.04.2002 |
| the martyr Mahmoud Hamza Zaghloul | 30.09.2002 |
| the martyr Ala'a el Din Al Riwaya | 18.12.2003 |
| the martyr Ihab Maher Al Saleem | 06.2004 |

You will forever be a light brightening the sky of Palestine.



An address book showing the names and telephone numbers of Saleh Ayyad, Ivana's sweet shop in am-Manara and Imad Minan.



In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful

The truthful and the faithful ones in the eyes of their Lord: they shall have their reward and their light

Surat Al-Hadīd (The Iron) Verse 19

The den of the martyr Ihab Maher Islem martyred on 26.6.2004



In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful

The truthful and the faithful ones in the eyes of their Lord: they shall have their reward and their light

Surat Al-Hadīd (The Iron) Verse 19

The den of the martyred leader Nader Ibrahim Al Aswad who was martyred with his comrades who shared his path with the martyred leaders Muhlam Abu Jameela, Hani Al Aqad, Mohammed Mer'ee, Abdul Halim Salem who fought the enemy on 15.09.2004 AD, which is the first of Sha'ban 1429 A.H.

Oh stars of the night be a witness, Oh mountains of fire keep ablaze,
Behold five martyrs, lions in truth, are advancing to liberate the land from which the Prophet ascended to heaven.



Al-Fātiḥah (The Opener)

(calling on the beholder to recite Al-Fātiḥah, the first Surah of the Quran, which is supposed to be the opening to all prayers)

The den of the martyr Nader Ibrahim Al Aswad

Fight them that Allah may punish them at your hands and disgrace them, and give you victory over them and heal the hearts of a people who believe.

Surat At-Tawbah (The Repentance) Verse 14

Martyred fighting the tyrannical enemy in the city of Nablus of the Jabal an-Nar (Mountain of Fire) region.



In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful

Among the believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allah. Some of them have paid their vow by death, and some of them are still waiting but they never waver in the least.

Surat Al-Ahzāb (The Combined Forces) Verse 23
 God Almighty has spoken the truth

The den of the fighter for God's cause. The martyr Kifah Hamdi al Zagha 02.07.1976.

The noble being has two quests: to seek death and to achieve

The National Movement for the Liberation of Palestine (Fateh)

Al-Fātiḥah (The Opener)

The two heroic martyrs Mu'ayad and Mahmoud Ajmayel, the dean of martyrs Nayef Abu Sharkh, the martyr hero Rebhi Haddad

Al Aqsa Martyr Brigade – The Vanguard of the Popular Army – Al Awda

Nidal Ukasha, Yehya Haddad, Fadi Abu Zanat, Samer Aqoub, Ayman Abu Zanat, Kifah Al Zagha,



Previous imaged continued:

Issam Shaqo, Ala' Al Dawayeh, Aiman al Henawi, Rohi Shouman, Ma'touk Shouman, Akram al Shanteer, Khaled Masroujeh, Rana Al Masri, Nayef Abu Sherkh, Nasser Adel Al Keylani, Saeed el Qutb, Hisham el Houh, Ahmad Qaza', Mohamad Amin Jraiban, Ali al Hudairi, Ibrahim Al Attari, Mahomoud el Zaghloul, Salim al Kussa, Sami Salameh, Farid El Safadi, Issam Arafat, Fat hi El Jalil, Iyad el Khashash, Sadiqa Ukasha

They said martyr; we said this is his quest. God calls him and his name is revered.



And never think of those who have been killed in the cause of Allah as dead. Rather, they are alive with their Lord.

Surat Āli Imrān (Family of Imran) Verse 169

The den of the martyr Jamal Zuhair Yousef Zebara...martyred on 30.2.2002.



Glory kneels to the brigades exclusively. This is a truth, which deems any other false. Should men on earth exist who feign glory, let it be known that we are the first to achieve glory.

The martyr Usama Jawabra

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Surat At-Tawbah (The Repentance) Verse 14

Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades

As the man who founded the brigades said:

“Jerusalem, here is my gun in my grip embracing my ribs. Either I will live a life that pleases a friend or I seek a death that angers an enemy.”



In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful

Al-Fātiḥah

The Vanguard of the Popular Army – Al Awda Brigade – Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades

The den of the heroic martyr, the knight of the night, Nidhal Abdel Rahman Ukasha martyred on 18.05.2004.

The means of martyrdom, Oh Nidhal, are battles.
And fighting dangerous battles in your homeland is struggle
You desired martyrdom, Oh Nidhal, and you won it.

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