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Week 22: Child Fatalities

A photograph showing an Israeli soldier in full military gear, including a helmet and a rifle, aiming the weapon. In the foreground, a child is lying on the ground, appearing to be in a state of distress or death. The background shows a white tent and a blue sky with some clouds.

WEEK 22 MAY. 28 TO JUNE 3 **CHILD FATALITIES**

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15 Palestinian families lost at least 3 (usually more) of their members in the first week of Israeli bombings.

<http://kuminow.com/ChildFatalities>

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Dear Kumi Now supporter,

On Tuesday **Dr. Awad Halabi** spoke to us about the **Nabi Musa Festival** and Palestinian history and culture in general. The replay of the session is now available [on YouTube](#) and [on our website](#). The website includes his bio and links shared during the gathering.

We would appreciate it if you could share the session with your community or on social media. You could use text such as:

Last week we learned about the Nabi Musa Festival and its place in Palestinian history and culture. Our guest was Dr. Awad Halabi, who has researched and worked with the festival. Learn more in the latest Kumi Now online gathering. https://youtu.be/temz_-gmpZA

And now, let's move on to this week and Tuesday's online gathering:



The United Nations observes June 1 as the [Global Day of Parents](#), acknowledging the critical role that parents have in the lives of their children. But it is common for Palestinian parents to spend time worrying about their children and the reality that, in the end, the occupation has more control over their children than they do as parents. And many Palestinian parents spend this day thinking about, or trying to visit, their children held in Israel's military court systems. Worst of all are the parents who have seen the lives of their children taken from them by the weapons of Israeli occupation forces.

Next Online Gathering

WEEK 22	CHILD FATALITIES
KUMI NOW ONLINE	
TUESDAY MAY 31 6PM (UTC+3)	Featuring Bassam Aramin of Parents Circle-Families Forum and Combatants for Peace 

May 31: Week 22 - Child Fatalities

[Full information on the gathering is here.](#)

Our guest will be **Bassam Aramin** of **Parents Circle-Families Forum** and **Combatants for Peace**

Time: Tuesday, May 31, at 6:00pm East Jerusalem, Palestine time (UTC+3) That's...

- Pacific (Seattle/Vancouver): 8am
- Central (Chicago): 10am
- Eastern (New York/Toronto): 11am
- Atlantic: 12pm
- Newfoundland: 12:30pm

- Greenwich (London): 4pm
- Central Europe (Paris/Stockholm): 5pm
- South Africa: 5pm
- Manila: 11pm

Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/94679502800> (There's no registration page, so please set an alarm for yourself and use this link on Tuesday.)

Remember, if you'd like to receive a reminder about the gathering an hour before it begins, please use the [registration form at the bottom of the page](#).

On the Ground Podcast

Please note that this week's episode of the podcast will come out a day late, on Sunday, as we're traveling to Jerusalem today.

The podcast is available and searchable on every major podcast directory, including Google, [Spotify](#), and Apple Podcasts. Search for 'On the Ground for Palestine' in your favorite podcast app. And you can listen or subscribe to the podcast from our [Anchor.fm page](#):



This Week's Entry

Please note: To match the dates in the [calendar](#), we post a new entry and publish the newsletter each Saturday.

Sharing and publicizing: The graphics in this newsletter are designed to be the perfect size and shape to share to Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. So each week you can help the cause simply by sharing these images online. It's one more option you have to help.

Kumi Week #22: Child Fatalities

Week 22 of Kumi Now is now available [on the website](#). The United Nations observes June 1 as the Global Day of Parents, acknowledging the critical role that parents have in the lives of their children. But it is common for Palestinian parents to spend time worrying about their children and the reality that, in the end, the Occupation has more

control over their children than they do as parents. And many Palestinian parents spend this day thinking about, or trying to visit, their children held in Israel's military court systems. Worst of all are the parents who have seen the lives of their children taken from them by the weapons of Israeli occupation forces. With these parents and lost lives in mind, the Kumi Now community this week looks at the all-too-real child fatalities of the Occupation and what you can do so that together we can *rise up*.

Please read the essay on this issue and the story about Fa'iq Ahmad Sbeih, a farmer. Last year we were joined by **Rifat Kassis**, founder of **Defense for Children International**, for our [online gathering](#). And here are a few more facts for you:

WEEK
22 MAY. 28
TO
JUNE. 3 **CHILD FATALITIES**

Just the facts...

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15 Palestinian nuclear and extended families lost at least 3 (usually more) of their members in the first week of Israeli bombings.

Since 2005, 6 major military offensives in Gaza have killed at least 1,000 Palestinian children.

In the 51 days of the 2014 war, UN figures show 142 Palestinian families were erased (742 people).

Since Israel destroyed the sole Gazan power plant in 2014, homes rely on candles and kerosene, leading to fires that have taken the lives of several children.

781 Palestinian children were killed by Israeli military and police, settlers, and private security guards from 2011 to 2020.

521 Palestinian children below the age of 9 died as a result of Israeli settler or military actions between 2000 and 2019.

73 settler attacks against children have been documented since January 2015.

From 2015 to 2019, Israeli forces and settlers killed at least 159 Palestinian children in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip.

Sources: Defense for Children International Palestine, Haaretz

<http://kuminow.com/ChildFatalities>

Understanding Child Fatalities: Just the Facts...

- A total of 67 Palestinian children were killed in the Gaza Strip and 2 children were killed in Israel since the start of the Gaza war on May 10.
- 15 Palestinian nuclear and extended families lost at least 3, and usually more, of their members in the Israeli bombing in the first week of the conflict.
- Wiping out entire families in bombings was a strategy of the Israeli military in 2014. In the 51 days of the 2014 war, UN figures show 142 Palestinian families were erased (742 people in total).
- There have been a total of 73 Palestinian child fatalities since the start of the year.
- Since 2005, 6 major military offensives in Gaza have killed at least 1,000 Palestinian children.

- Since Israel targeted the sole power plant in Gaza in 2014, leaving it inoperable, homes rely on candles and kerosene stoves, which has led to fires that have taken the lives of several children.
- DCIP has documented 73 settler attacks against children since January 2015.
- 781 Palestinian children were killed by Israeli military and police forces, settlers, and private security guards from 2011 to 2020.
- Between 2015 and 2019, DCIP confirmed Israeli forces and settlers killed at least 159 Palestinian children in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip.
- At least 134 Palestinian children were killed by Israeli forces with live ammunition or crowd-control weapons.
- 521 Palestinian children below the age of 9 died as a result of Israeli settler or military actions between 2000 and 2019.

These facts are drawn from:

- [“67 Palestinian children killed in Gaza as missing toddler’s body is located in rubble”](#) from **DCIP**
- [“Gaza Lives Erased: Israel Is Wiping Out Entire Palestinian Families on Purpose”](#) by **Amira Hass** for **Haaretz**
- [“Fatalities & Injuries”](#) from **DCIP**
- [“Distribution of Palestinian Child Fatalities by Age Group”](#) from **DCIP**
- [“Gaza’s Electricity Crisis Claims Another Three Palestinian Children”](#) from **DCIP**

Learning More

You can start by reading the recent **New York Times** front page story [“They Were Only Children”](#) by **Mona El-Naggar**, **Adam Rasgon** and **Mona Boshnaq**.

To go deeper, we are developing an extensive list of [Additional Resources](#) at the bottom of this week’s entry as well as a [YouTube playlist](#) on the subject.

Once you understand the situation you'll want to get involved. Here's the Kumi Action for this week. We're now releasing a video each week focusing on the Kumi Action! Check out the one below [on YouTube](#).

Kumi Action



Defense for Children International Palestine keeps track of the violence done towards

children, so that their lives are not forgotten. While being respectful of the dead and their families, it is also important to put a human face on the suffering in Palestine. As such, we urge you to find respectful ways to share these images and stories in your Kumi Community: https://www.dci-palestine.org/tags/fatalities_and_injuries

Think carefully about what and how to share to social media. If you do so, include the hashtags #NoWaytoTreatAChild, #KumiNow, and #Kumi22.

You Should Know

One or two people, companies, or organizations generally related to the issue of the week you should know, and how you can follow them online.



Defense for Children International Palestine (DCIP)

Defense for Children International Palestine (DCIP) provides direct and free legal aid to Palestinian minors in the Israeli military court system and the Palestinian juvenile justice system and works to limit incarceration periods. DCIP exposes grave human rights violations, including torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, against Palestinian minors under the jurisdictions of the Israeli military court system and the Palestinian juvenile justice system and holds perpetrators accountable. DCIP also conducts evidence-based advocacy in support of policy changes that increase protections and advance access to justice for Palestinian minors.

Last year, DCIP released the short film [“Palestinian children in Gaza dream of a better future”](#).

A couple years ago, DCIP produced a short film profiling [“Obaida”](#). Obaida was shot dead by Israeli soldiers earlier this month. You can learn more about Obaida and what happened on a [recent episode of Democracy Now!](#)

Recent reports from DCIP include:

- [“No Way to Treat a Child, Palestinian Children in the Israeli Military Detention System”](#)
- [“Operation Protective Edge: A war waged on Gaza's children”](#)
- [“Growing up between Israeli settlements and soldiers”](#)

You can find DCIP on their [website](#) and follow them on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), and [Instagram](#). And we have a PDF flyer about DCIP that you can download [here](#).

Upcoming Weeks

And here's what we have coming up in June so you can plan ahead and decide how you

want to be a part of Kumi Now:

KUMI NOW ONLINE: MAY/JUNE, 2022



EVERY TUESDAY | 6PM PALESTINE TIME | KUMINOW.COM

Each week below will have an online gathering with a guest or guests speaking on the topic. The time and Zoom link are the same each week.

The weekly newsletter will always contain reminders of the upcoming online gatherings and the Zoom link. But if you're like me and need a reminder right before the sessions begin, you can [register to receive a reminder email one hour prior to each online gathering](#). And no more digging through your inbox looking for the Zoom link! Just [use the registration form at the bottom of the page](#).



June 4 to 10: Week 23 - Environmental Effects of Occupation

[Read the full entry online.](#)

June 5 is World Environment Day. While Palestinians as a people are under constant threat and assault from the occupation, the environment around them, and on which they rely, bears similar attack. A community can't hope to heal in an environment that is sick, and conversely, a society that is suffering is unable to aid the environment in its own recovery.

For our Kumi Action we will help out the Palestine Museum of Natural History.



June 11 to 17: Week 24 - Tourism and Pilgrimage

[Read the full entry online.](#)

For the northern hemisphere, students and families around the world are beginning their summer vacations. While in the southern hemisphere students may be looking forward to a winter break. Many people take these times to travel: to visit family, as tourists, or as pilgrims. Whether or not you are spending your own travel money to go on holiday or pilgrimage in Israel and Palestine, you can, as part of the Kumi Community, help

have an impact.

For our Kumi Action we will share information about Palestinian historical and tourist sites.



June 18 to 24: Week 25 - Palestinian Refugees

[Read the full entry online.](#)

Palestinians who were either forced from or fled their homes in 1948 and 1967 hoped for a quick return to their houses and land. Few would have foreseen that, decades later, they and their descendants would be living as refugees or internally displaced Palestinians. As the United Nations celebrates June 20 as World Refugee Day,¹ we want to work to restore hope to those original Palestinian refugees and their descendants.

For our Kumi Action we will send copies of U.N. General Assembly Resolution 194 to those that really need to read it.



June 25 to July 1: Week 26 - Nuclear Israel

[Read the full entry online.](#)

The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) was signed on July 1, 1968. According to the U.N., “More countries have ratified the NPT than any other arms limitation and disarmament agreement, a testament to the treaty’s significance.”¹ Only five countries are not party to the treaty: North Korea, South Sudan, India, Pakistan, and Israel.

For our Kumi Action we will design nuclear hazard signs and give them to Israel.

What's Next

We hope to see you in the online gathering on Tuesday, after which you'll receive another newsletter on Saturday, focused on our next issue, [Environmental Effects of Occupation](#). As always, there is more to come!

Sincerely,

The Kumi Now Team

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