

# Statement of the Committee of the Martyrs' Families

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I do not want to speak about anything except the Martyrs. They are our sons, and each one of them is an entire world in which there were dreams, anger, happiness, hopes and accomplishments. We lost them in an unexpected moment. It is very difficult to describe the loss in a press conference, but their memory will always be with us. Our reason for coming from the north today is simply to submit the evidence of the killings of our sons. Whatever the conclusions of the Commission of Inquiry, our sons will never be returned to us. We know who is responsible for our sons' deaths.

To some among my people, "al-Shaheed" (the martyr) is a symbol. He is a symbol of the everyman. He is a symbol for each of us who could have been him. "al-Shaheed" died because of his nationality. Thus, he is me, you and us. However, beyond the symbolic value, each Shaheed has a name.

Muhammad Jabareen, 24, Umm al-Fahem  
Rami Ghara, 21, Jatt (Triangle)  
Ahmed Jabareen, 18, Umm al-Fahem  
'Ala' Nassar, 18, Arrabe  
Asil 'Asleh, 18, Arrabe  
'Imad Ghanaym, 25, Sakhnin  
Walid Abu Saleh, 21, Sakhnin  
Iyad Lawabny, 26, Nazareth  
Musleh Abu Jared, 14, Dir el-Balah, Gaza (killed in Umm al-Fahem)  
Ramez Bushnaq, 24, Kufr Manda  
Muhammad Khamayseh, 19, Kufr Kanna  
'Omar A'kkawi, 42, Nazareth  
Wissam Yazbak, 25, Nazareth

I have read their names because after their killings, they were treated only as numbers. We are not talking about numbers. We are talking about families' dreams which were cut short.

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