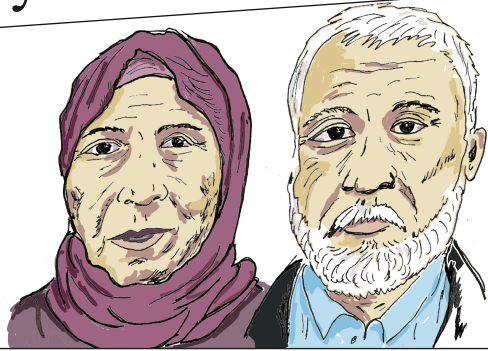


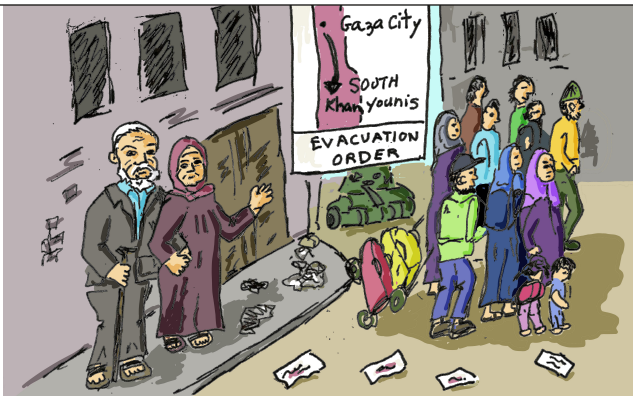
Mazyona and Mohammad “Human Shields”



Mohammed Abu Hussein, 70, and his wife, Mazyona Abu Hussein, 65, were used as “human shields,” a practice used by the Israeli Occupation Forces (IOF) with Palestinian detainees.



The couple lived in their home in the Al Zeytoun neighborhood of Gaza City with their children and their families. The eldest were Ahmed, 38, and Rami.



In May 2024, after bombing the neighborhood, the IOF ordered an evacuation. The children and their families left for the south, but the grandparents, due to their age, remained in their home; they were unable to move. Mohammed had health problems and needed a cane to walk.



Their children called them every day; the parents told them that the IOF was approaching the neighborhood. On the fourth day after they left, when they called in the morning, their father told them that soldiers had entered the house. They asked him who he was talking to, and when he said his son, they ordered him to hang up; they never heard from them again.



Israeli military sources reported that in May 2024 an elderly couple had been used as “human shields” by the IOF. They had hung explosives around their necks and ordered them, threatening to detonate them, to go ahead of them to search buildings, then saying that they had been released with orders to go south, but that they had been killed by IOF gunfire.



The children found their father's remains in the hospital, with the right side of his body torn apart; they recognized him by a tattoo on his hand. Their mother's mangled body was found in a street; only fragments of her face remained; she was identified by her gold dental caps. They were killed by explosives, not gunfire. This was confirmed by EuroMed Human Rights Monitor.