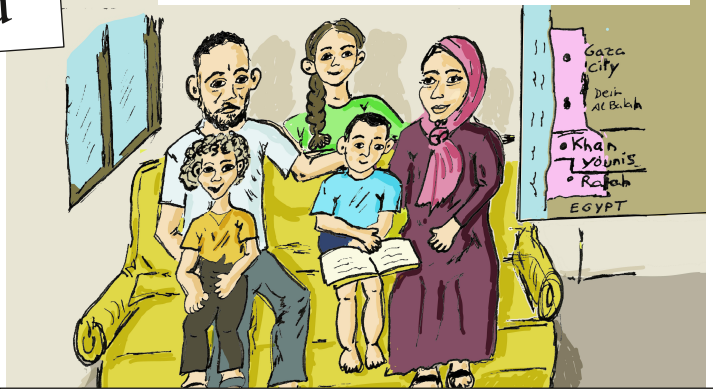


STORIES OF GENOCIDE

Youssuf, only 7 years old



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Yousuf Mohammad Abu Mousa was 7 years old in October 2023 and lived with his family in the Al-Amal neighborhood of Khan Younis when Israel began a massive bombardment of cities in the Gaza Strip.

He was the youngest in the family; his parents, Mohammed and Rawda, had two other children, Joury, the eldest daughter, aged 13, and Hamid, aged 9. His father was a radiologist at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, and Youssuf wanted to be a doctor like his father.



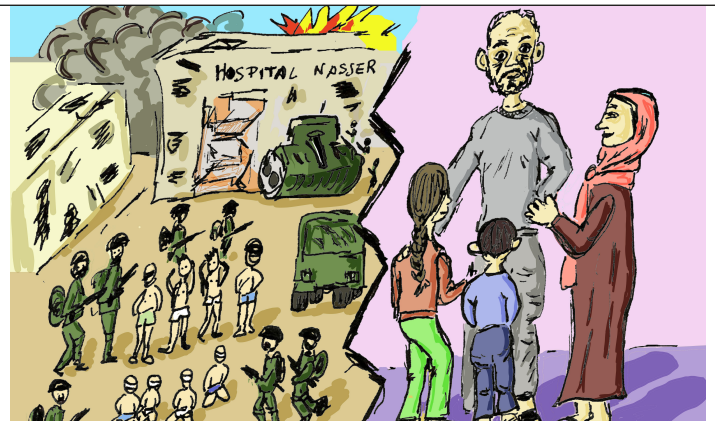
On October 15, 2023, his father went to the hospital and his mother went to a neighbor's house to get something to eat, leaving Youssuf and his siblings watching TV, which his father had installed with a solar panel. While he was outside, he heard an explosion in the building.



When Rawan arrived home, Civil Defense and the Palestinian Red Crescent were rescuing victims of the Israeli bombing from the rubble. They pulled out Joury, who had a head injury, and Hamid, who was also injured, and took them to the hospital; other members of the family were killed. Youssuf was nowhere to be found.



Rawda went to the hospital with her children and, with her husband, searched for Youssuf among the wounded for three hours, asking for “a 7-year-old boy with curly hair, fair skin, and handsome features,” without finding him, until they found him in the morgue, killed in the bombing when the roof collapsed. Her other two children recovered and the family took refuge in Nasser Hospital.



On February 15, 2024, the IOF besieged Nasser Hospital and ordered its evacuation. Dr. Abu Mousa left with his family; he was detained and separated from his family; he was ordered to undress and was beaten along with the rest of the detainees. He was released in the October 2025 exchange and was welcomed by his two sons and his wife. He then learned that his mother, his younger sister, and his nephews were also martyrs, like Youssuf.