

Muath, the veterinarian



Muath Talaat Abu Roukba was 30 years old and lived in Jabalia, in northern Gaza. He had studied veterinary medicine in Egypt. Instagram @muathtalat



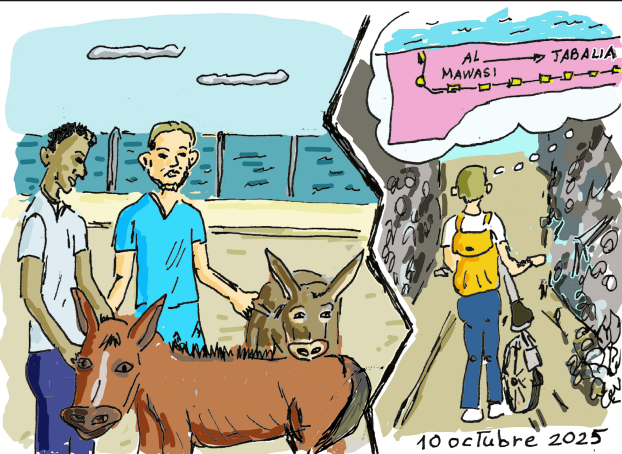
In October 2023, due to evacuation orders from the IOF, Muath left his home and veterinary clinic in Jabalia to move to Al Mawasi with his wife Rania and their two children. A week later, his home and clinic were bombed.



He had worked as a veterinary inspector for the Ministry of Health's livestock and food products department. In May 2023, he opened a small clinic to treat animals in Gaza City.



He collaborated with the only animal shelter in Gaza City, founded in 2006 by Saed El Arr. They moved to Nuseirat and have continued to work despite the bombings, siege, and hunger. Instagram @sulalaanimalrescue.



During the two years of genocide, he continued to treat animals. Donkey carts were the main means of transport for people, belongings, the wounded, and martyrs due to the siege. On October 9, 2025, with the declaration of the peace agreement, Muath decided to return to Jabalia to see what was left of his home.



His brother (22 years old) lost telephone contact and they feared his kidnapping or murder by the IOF, which still occupied 53% of Gaza with an illegal and mobile "border" of yellow blocks, which was lethal to cross. He was unable to go looking for him because of the IOF shootings. A cousin reported his murder on October 19, 2029, victim of an Israeli bombing.