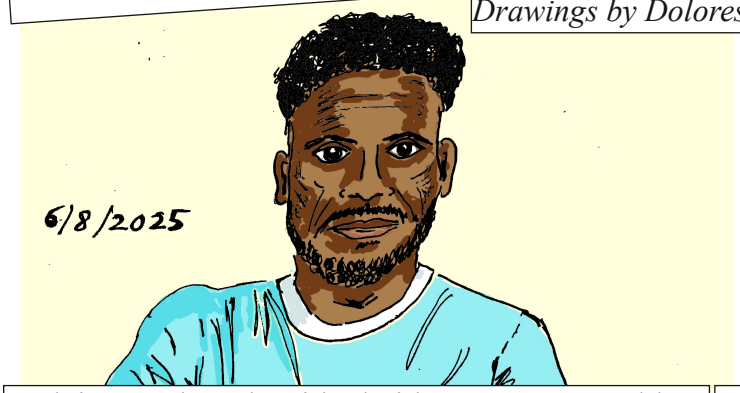
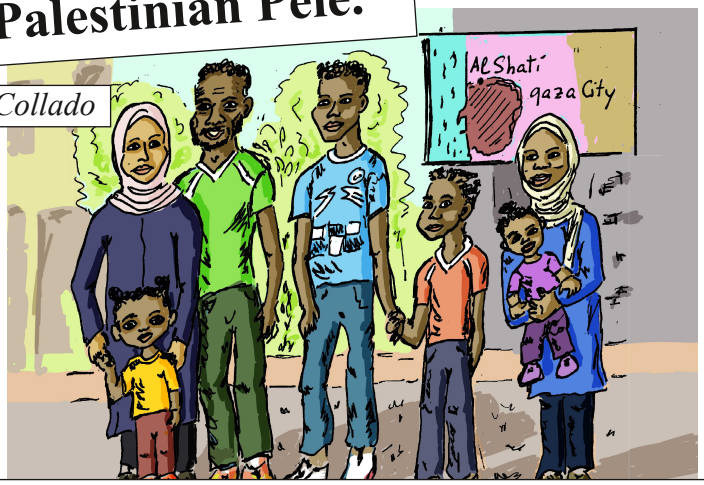
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Suleiman, soccer player, "The Palestinian Pelé."

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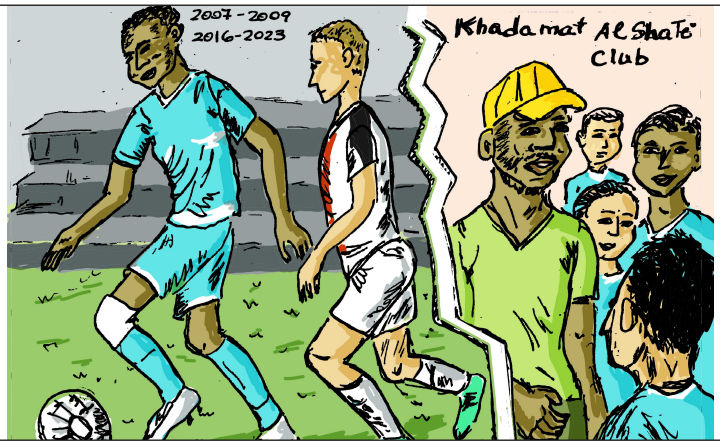
Suleiman Ahmed Zaid Obeid was 41 years old; he was born in the Al Shati refugee camp in Gaza City and was a very famous soccer player in Palestine; he played 19 times for the national team between 2007 and 2013.



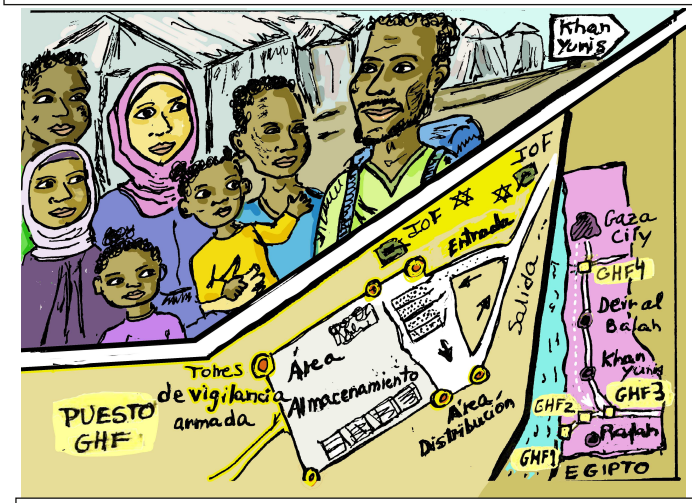
He lived in the Gaza City with his family—his wife Doaa and their five children, three girls and two boys. Their home was destroyed by Israel's massive bombardment, and they took refuge in a tent. Even during the genocide, he continued to train every day.



From 2007 to 2009, he played for Khadamat; he was nicknamed "the gazelle" or "the Palestinian Pelé." From 2009 to 2013, he was transferred to Markaz Shabab Al Amari, based in Al-Rams northeast of Jerusalem, in the West Bank Premier League.



From 2014 to 2016, he played for the Gaza Sport Club, and from 2017 to 2023, he returned to Khadamat Al Shatea, where he was the league's top scorer in the 2015–2016 and 2016–2017 seasons. He was a talented player who gave hope to many children, even in difficult times.



Israel, after causing a famine in Gaza beginning in March 2025, established the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) in May as a militarized trap. In August 2025, Suleiman went to GHF3, the only operational distribution point near Khan Yunis, to get food.



Thousands of starving Palestinians flocked to the GHF distribution points, which were guarded by IOF detachments and GHF "security" forces that carried out daily massacres by firing on the unarmed crowd. Suleiman was killed on August 6, 2025, by shrapnel from an Israeli tank missile at the GHF3 distribution point.