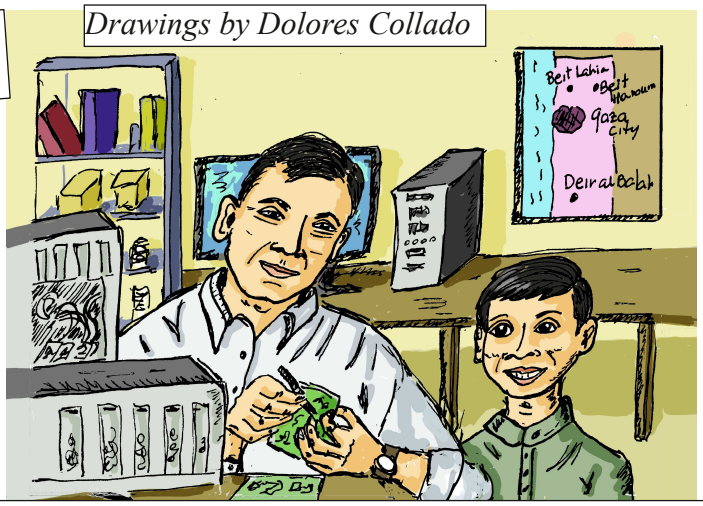
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Awni Al Dous, You Tuber

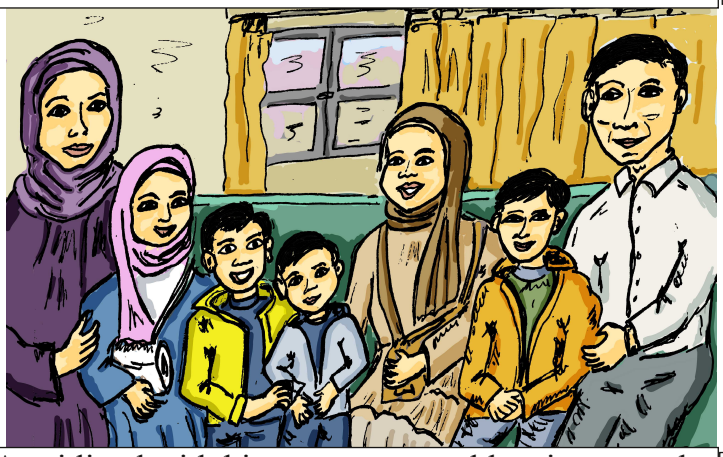
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Awni Adel Awni Al-Dous was a 13-year-old boy who lived in Gaza City. He created videos for YouTube (@awnieldous141) featuring video games such as PUBG Mobile, Counter-Strike, Pro Evolution Soccer 2017, and Blur.

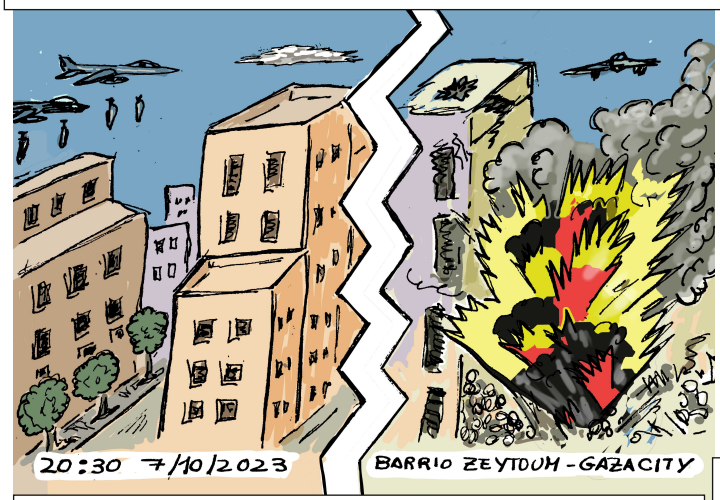
His father was a computer engineer, and Awni learned how to take computers apart and put them back together; he loved it, and he won several awards at the school he attended. He taught computer science as part of the "Little Teachers" initiative.



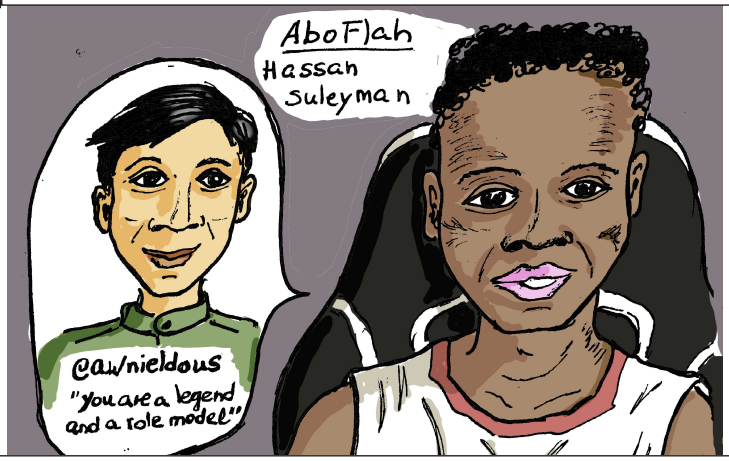
Awni lived with his parents, two older sisters, and two younger brothers in a three-story family building in the Zeytoum neighborhood of Gaza City (different branches of the family lived on each floor).



Awni loved computers and video games and admired YouTubers. In 2020, he started his YouTube channel about games; in August 2022, he uploaded a video celebrating reaching 1,000 subscribers; he wanted to reach 100,000.



On October 7, 2023, Israeli warplanes carried out a massive bombing raid on the capital. At 8:20 p.m., two bombs struck the Al Dous family's building in quick succession, killing Awdi, his parents, and his four siblings—a total of 15 family members, seven of whom were children.



On October 23, 2023, the 27-year-old Kuwaiti YouTuber @AboFlah, who focused on gaming and whom Awni followed, posted a video about Awni's murder and his video celebrating 1,000 subscribers. Abo Flah asked his followers to help Awni's channel reach 100,000 subscribers: by December 2023, the channel already had 1.5 million subscribers.