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Abu Khalid, our pens are incapable of writing, our minds are incapable of thinking, and our tongues are incapable of speech. If we fill the sea with ink, it would not be enough to write how great you were in life. I won't cry for you because you are not dead inside me. My memories of you live on.

I waited for Tammam there but started to worry and phoned him on his mobile. A stranger's voice answered me telling me that the owner of this mobile was lying in the hospital. I arrived at the hospital to discover that he was dead. I uncovered him. Looked at him. Touched him. He was warm and I kissed him. He was my angel."



Amin used to say to his friends, "Why do we live amongst stones, bullets and blood? Why do we have no independence and never know safety and security? We live amongst wild soldiers, destruction and martyrs. Are we ever going to live a happy life?"

One soldier took aim and shot Yasser from a distance of 20m. Live ammunition lodged in his heart and he was rushed to the hospital where they operated on him in a corridor in an attempt to save his life. He was placed in intensive care. He was the first person shot and the last to die, four months later in a Jordanian hospital on the 6th February 1997.



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About this website

This website was set up by a group of Palestinians and internationals living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with coordination by Birzeit University's Public Relations Office. The website is intended to show the human face behind the statistics of the September 1996 clashes.

On the Ground in Ramallah

The website put together by Birzeit staff and students during the clashes last year, that offered daily reports from "on the ground" in Ramallah, the town become battlefield.

The Martyr in Society

An introduction to the historical, religious and social implications of martyrdom in Palestinian society.

Personal Stories

Stories from the lives of the martyrs, as told by their family and friends, in words and photos. At the time of launch 4:25pm on Thursday 25 September 1997, 16 completed stories were available. Information and photos has been received from a further fifteen families and friends of the 70 remaining martyrs. These will be added in the coming weeks. Eventually, every story of those who lost their lives in the clashes will be available.

How You Can Help

How you can support the families and further memorial projects.

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