

**TRANSCRIPT**  
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**TAPE 01 - GHAZI & RAMI INT.**

**1:01:34 – Medium Close Up - Rami**

Rami: My name is Rami Elhanan. I am 54 years old. I am a graphic designer, I'm a Jew. I'm a Zionist, I'm an Israeli, I'm a human being. I have four kids, a lovely wife. I am a seventh generation Jerusalemite on my mother's side, and the son of a Holocaust survivor on my mother, on my father's side. That's... the whole story.

**2:11 – Medium Close Up – Rami**

Rami: My mother was born in the old city of Jerusalem. She's 6<sup>th</sup> generation for a very, very, very religious Jewish family. And my father is a Holocaust survivor, he's an Auschwitz graduate. He came to Israeli in '46.

**2:39 – Medium Close Up – Rami**

Rami: When I was born? In '49. December '49.

**2:52 – Medium Close Up – Ghazi**

Ghazi: My name... Ghazi <?> Brigieta. I am 41 years old, married with three kids. My eldest son Alam, 14 years old, my only daughter, Lara, 11 years old, my youngest boy, is Jusef, 2 \_ years old. I live in town called Bet Omar. I worked to my municipality in town in the electric department, water department and some other positions. I joined the Parent's Circle after I lost my brother, my first brother. I lost him on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2000. [Child's Voice in Background] So almost at the begging of 2001 I joined the Parent's Circle.

**3:47- Medium Close Up – Ghazi**

Ghazi: The Parent's Circle. The bereaved families. [Sighs] My father die in 1981. My mother, she is married to someone else and she lives in the same town. I get support from my family, from some of my friends from joining the Parent's Circle, or we can call it the bereaved families. And here we are.

**4:46 – Start Two Shot, Zoom to Medium Close Up - Ghazi**

Ghazi: Ok, Bet Omar is in West Bank Palestine. It's part of Hebron City District. To the south of Jerusalem and to the north of Hebron. 15 km away from Hebron City. It is located on the highway, which they call it today, Route 60. Which connect between Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Hebron. So it's located on the highway to the right while you are going down to Hebron. 12,000 people live in that town. 2,000 people, most of them, are working outside the country. They used to come back on the summer. 10,000, they living there, working there. Almost 2,000 houses built in that town. It's an agriculture town. Especially with the situation these days, the closure, and the damaged economy. So it's a hilly area, and the people now are getting back to using the ground. I mean to plant and to be involved more in the agriculture fields. It's a way how they can get their income. With agriculture. But the problem is as long as we have the closure, as long as

we have no peace, no peace agreement, and because we are sole located on the highway, the market thing is the most terrible thing, the most great problem we have in my home town. We have an industrial <?zoo?> in the town, over 150 factories, mix kind of factories. Most of them the stones, cutting stones factories. So we hope there will be a solution, and we can get our products out or get products inside the town.

### **7:22 – Medium Shot – Ghazi**

Ghazi: Well first of all, we need to know why the closure. Why is this thing, why we have to keep paying the price, me and my brother Rami. I lost 2 brothers, in the last 3 years, which through the new uprising which called the <?outside farther?> and he lost in 1997 his daughter <?>, 14 years old, at a suicide bomber in Jerusalem because the occupation to the territory. So this is the concert, how its effect us, because, as I said, as long as we live under occupation, occupation, killing both side. Not only on the Palestinian side, but its for sure on the Palestinian side, the Palestinian side is more effected. Because if you look through the map of the West Bank area, which now under the full control and complete closure, you can find over **[Zoom to Medium Close Up – Ghazi]** 150 military check points. So imagine, it's a small piece of land. It's not so huge like the States or like outside countries. \*When you have over 150 military checkpoints, you can't move.\*(SPG) In one month, I count 5 military checkpoints just in 3 km long. That's it. Imagine – you have such 5 numbers of military check points, you can sometimes cross from the left side of the road, to the right side, and because these roads is now used by the settlers and the army, they're there to protect the settlers. The settlers have the right to get protection. We as a Palestinian, have no right to get protection. One of the things that has happened to my brothers, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, as settler shot him in his left knee and caused for him a damaged leg, until today, because he was driving on that road. Now we can't drive on that road completely, sometimes we can't talk. It's effect us economically, healthy, education, no schools, you can't go to school. For example, on the September 8<sup>th</sup> I fell down at work and as you see on my left hand. I fell down, it's broken. And there I was trying to go to the hospital in Hebron area. As I said, I belong to Hebron district. At the checkpoint at the entrance by Hebron City on the highway, they stopped us, hold us for one and a half hour, under the name of security, checking the ambulance and to see our ID, if I'm wanted or whatsoever, if I'm listed on their names, on the blacklist. So I have a broken hand, I was screaming, shouting, have a lot of pain. And I was stopped for 1 and \_ hour to make sure my hand is broken. And I'm in an ambulance. It takes me, I can say, almost two hours to be in the hospital. While it's a normal situation by the ambulance it takes me 5 minutes. **[Zoom to Medium Shot – Ghazi]** So imagine if I'm a pregnant woman or an old man, a very sick old man. This closure effects the poor side, and only, especially the Palestinian side. **[Close Up – Ghazi's Broken Hand]**

### **11:50 – Medium Close Up – Ghazi**

Ghazi: So, as I was saying, it takes me 2 hours to reach the hospital, while it's through the normal situation it used to take us five minutes. Imagine if I'm a pregnant woman or a very old sick man or a newborn baby, I need urgent hospital. A lot of those kind of people, they lose their life on the checkpoint under the name of security. Now on my trip to the States on September 28<sup>th</sup>, we fight, me and the Parent's Circle office with the Israeli army to get the permit to fly **[Camera Settling]** through Tel Aviv Ben-Gurion

Airport. **[Zoom Out to Two Shot]** Now finally, they give us the permit. We said ok, I paid the permit, and the permit was on the 27<sup>th</sup>, not on the 28<sup>th</sup>. I'm flying 5 o'clock, half past five morning, of 28 September. They issue me the permit from 1 o'clock daytime, afternoon until 9 o'clock evening time **[Zoom In to Ghazi's Non-Broken Hand]** of the day of 27 September. **[Clothes Rubbing Against Mic Sound Starts]** So I have to be in the airport before the 28<sup>th</sup>, before 9 o'clock, before ending the night of the 27<sup>th</sup>. It takes me to reach the States 23 hours. Half of it, traveling from my home, through the checkpoint, to Tel Aviv, and to be at the airport, to be stuck for a few hours inside the airport, to become a suspicion person. Each one come to me, they have to search me, see my ID, my passport, "What are you doing here?", "What you are here?" And it was, their mistake. And if I change the permit, make it for the 28<sup>th</sup>, I could lose my flight, because it would take maybe a week to renew or maybe they would say, "Ok, it's a closed military area. We can't renew it." **[Clothes Rubbing Against Mic Sound Stops]** So it's the only answer I can give so you can know what's affected. I'm sorry to say it like this, but you have to come down to Palestine and Israel and see for yourself and to be an eyewitness. But I'm afraid if you did you would be sent back in a coffin. Like what's happened to Richard Goulie and Rafi. Like what's happened to many people. They try to be an eyewitness of what's going for the peacemaker team and they're sent back to their countries in a coffin.

#### **14:49 – Medium Close Up – Rami**

Rami: Every siren makes you jump. Every sound makes you jump. People are afraid to get out of their houses. People are very tense. People are irritated. And you can't go anywhere without being searched. You can't go to a restaurant or a coffee house or anywhere. Without the guy in the entrance search you.

#### **15:20 – Medium Close Up – Rami**

Rami: That's in Jerusalem and all around the country. It really doesn't matter. The situation today is so abnormal and so tense that people are losing their minds. Really, they are afraid to go by busses because busses are a very dangerous places. They are afraid to go to the malls and they are afraid to go out into the streets. The whole country is frightened.

#### **16:18 – Medium Shot – Rami**

Rami: Mico is my wife's <?> little brother. When I met him he was **[Mic Rubbing Against Clothes Sound]** 10 years old. I was a soldier in the Israeli army. And today he's like my brother. Really like my brother. Like Ghazi is my brother.

#### **16:49 – Medium Shot – Rami**

Rami: Mico is my wife's <?> little brother. When I met him, he was 10 years old. And he's still my little brother, here today.

#### **17:22 – Two Shot – Rami and Ghazi**

Rami: Well it was a situation that was built up. After what happened to me, after my daughter was killed in a suicide bombing in September '97. After the 7 days of Jewish mourning. On the eighth day you have to look at yourself in the mirror and decided what

you are going to do for the rest of your life. And there are only two possibilities. **[Zoom in to Medium Close Up – Rami]** The first one, and the obvious one, and the natural one, is to hate. Because when someone kills your 14 years old little girl you are very, very angry and you want to get even... Then you start to think, cause we are people, we are not animals. And you think, what good would it be if I killed someone? Will it bring back my baby? Or cause pain to someone? Will it heal my pain? So you find yourself choosing the other option. And the other option is the way of understanding and the way of reconciling. And this way I found my way to a group of very courageous <?admirable?> people, Palestinians and Israelis that lost their kids, and still want peace. And Ghazi Brigieta was one of them. And we met in Israeli Bet Omar about two years ago.

### **19:56 – Medium Close Up – Rami**

Rami: Well finding the way was quite difficult. And it's not easy, the second decisions, and the decision of understanding. And creating the connection with people that think like you, it's a very, very tough mission because really you don't have the power to do it. The strength to get up and do it. But one day I met a man, by the name <?> I met him in a demonstration and he started talking to me. He had a kippot, a yamaka on his head. And usually this immediately puts you in the drawer of Arab-eater for breakfast. But he wasn't and we talked. **[Camera Adjusts]** And then I remembered he was one of the thousands and thousands of people that came to <?>. And I thought wow, don't you have anything better to do than go to houses of people that you don't know? And he started to explain what he was doing. I'd never heard of this organization before. And he suggested that I will watch one of the meetings. It was a meeting in the president's house. I stood aside, and the busses came in. And from the busses came down people that in Israel are legends. People that lost their kids, in war, in terror, and they still want peace. And then I saw a big Arab woman with a long black dress. And on her chest was a picture of a six years old kid. And I was hit by lightning that day. And it changed my life completely. And my mission in life, the reason for me to get up in the morning, get out of bed is to go out to tell people that we are not doomed. And that it is not our destiny to die in the Holy Land, we can change this endless cycle of violence. And this is what I do.

### **23:03 – Medium Close Up – Ghazi**

Ghazi: (Laughs) First of all you have to know that we are both human being. And when I hear someone say, "from the other side", this is the terrible thing that each side look to the other not as a human being, and he deserves to live. Through my life I have been with the peace movement. I've lived there, as I have a Palestinian friend and Palestinian enemies. I also have Israeli friends, Israeli enemies. It's natural, it's normal, everybody have who love and who hate.

### **24:17 – Medium Close Up – Ghazi**

Ghazi: So as I said we are human beings. And as nature, everybody have who love, and do hate. You can love someone, and you can hate the other. And hatred, it's not by the mean of hatred, of killing each other. I don't want anybody to hate me and by the mean of killing me, or I don't want to hate anybody by the mean of killing. As long as we have

the same color of blood, as long as we have the same pain, the same tragedy, the same bereavement, the same soul. And we are saying that first of all we are human beings, so we are brothers. This is a point. Now one day I received a call from someone from the Parent's Circle, he said is your name Ghazi, I said yes. He said, we're really sorry about you losing your brother. And I never hide my name, I never have been frightened. Someone just called me, he knows about me some information. He said, you ready to give, to answer the questions? I said yes. I'm not frightened, go ahead. So he said, "Would you be able to join the Parent's Circle? We know that you are a peace activist and that you have a lot of peace involved with different groups." I said ok. And he said we are sorry for losing your brother. And I said I'm sorry for losing any human beings in this area. So, you know, we set an appointment to meet and to talk with them to find out what kind of organization this. And I heard the sound of, sounds good to me. Because I need from the Israeli side, or from the Jewish community as a Palestine and we are looking for such kind of voices to support the non-violence to support the ending of the occupation, to stop the killing. To get, to support us as a Palestinian, to get back our right. So, to me, I used to before talk to the Israeli, to the Jewish and it was not so difficult I mean to meet my brother Rami. So through the Parent's Circle they set down the appointment, they came to my town. I have a very small home, so we can't manage to have it in my home. So we went to my brother and my mother home, which is larger than mine, by many times. And we met I think there over 30 Israeli and 30 Palestinian families from both side. Mixed: women and men, children. And we, you know, talked to each other, each one introduced himself, make his representation. **[Close Up Ghazi's Non-Broken Hand]** What kind of loss. And this was a...

Rami: The beginning of a beautiful friendship. **[Camera Pans to Rami]**

#### **27:49 – Two Shot – Rami and Ghazi**

Ghazi: Yeah, it's the beginning of a very good beautiful friendship not only for me and Rami. For the rest of the group. And this create more, unfortunately, get more members to become involved with the Parent's Circle. And you have to know, and everybody have to know, that we are the only organization of the whole world, we are not seeking for new members as bereaved family members. But we want the rest of the world to be members of our group as a supporter. To support us, to stop the killing, and to not to keep the rest of the world deciding side.

#### **28:43 – Medium Close Up – Rami**

Rami: You have to lose someone.

Ghazi: (Sighs)

Rami: You have to lose someone to the first degree of relations.

#### **29:14 – Medium Close Up – Rami**

Rami: In order **[Ghazi Coughs]** to get in, you have to pay a price. In order to get in, you have to lose one of your immediate relatives. A son, a daughter, a brother, a father,

mother. This is the heaviest price possible. And this gets you in, to be a full member, with all the rights, to make peace.

### **30:15 – Two Shot – Rami and Ghazi**

Ghazi: I used to say always, for each going, there is two phases. **[Mic Rubbing Against Clothes Sound]** For everything, you have right and you have left. You have up and you have down. You have the front and back. **[Medium Close Up – Ghazi]** So as I have people support us, we have people against us. And unfortunately, the majority, they are against us. Because the people become desperate and they don't see any sign of peace. And at the end of this conflict between the two parties because the rest of the world keeps standing aside. Now at the beginning when I joined the Parent's Circle, it was, this is the most difficult and it's challenge. It's easy to say ok I'll take my revenge I want to kill, it's easy. Because if you kill the first time, you can keep killing all the time. It becomes easy. But each day to live, and to go to sleep, and to wake up with the same pain and to say ok I want to keep on, I want to keep on the, on my duty to make this kind of peace and to stop the killing. To prevent this killing for any other families. For any other person if I can, from any side. It's a challenge. So when I joined the Parent's Circle and I invited, I mean we arrange that we should meet and they came to our area. I told my wife I have a group of Israeli, Jewish, and some Arab-Israeli you know, who lives inside Israel are members of the Parent's Circle. They want to come and meet with us. She said how crazy you are! I said why, she said, how you invite the killers of your brother. I said, they are not the ones, she said, yes they are the ones. I said, who kills my brother, is the army. And it became a kind of <?> that's the army from where they are, they are the Israeli people, they are Jewish. By then end my wife she said, I will not accept them here. But if you want, it's your problem, I'll leave home, I'm not going to serve tea, coffee as a Muslim-Arab custom. \*I say ok what you want and she said, I just want to say for you one word: you are a traitor, and I'm leaving home and you have to choose between one of two\* (SPG) Whether I be your wife or whether the Parent's Circle. I said ok, meet them, don't talk if you don't want to talk. And after you meet them, you will have the chance to think, and I will have the chance to think. Let us sit, let us listen from them. She said, I know you decide already. I told her yes, I have decision in my mind before. So after that, we met, we talked, they came to my home. <?>, Israeli, who lost two sons. <?>, the founder of the organization who lost his 19 years old son. And Rami Elhanan, my brother, who is sitting next to me now who lost his daughter, 14 years old. And it was good, you know? And after that my wife, to me I don't need to think about it, I already decide, and then my wife she said ok after awhile and now she's supporting me. No, and I told her I do what I'm doing is to save my life, her life, my kid's life. I have a friend, they are not anymore my friend because of what I'm doing, and they have new friends because of what some do. This is the life.

### **34:49 – Shots of a Little Girl Walking in Front of Rami and Ghazi**

### **35:12 – Medium Close Up – Rami**

Rami: (Laughs) Well it's difficult to call me traitor because you know, these days, 30 years ago I was a soldier fighting in a tank company fighting in the <?>, I guess the Egyptian army. <?> my tank company started it with 11 tanks and finished with 3 tanks.

Burying my flesh and soul, the outcome of this horrible war. So, traitor I am not. But we get many <?results?>, the embassy in Israel now is very, very tense. The debate, the political debate, lost all stops. Anyone can see or feel what that was. It created the murder of a prime minister in the process. So the sky's the limit. I get responses from various scope. One of the demonstrations someone came to me and told me that, it's a pity I wasn't blown up with my daughter. On the other hand after one of the lectures I give in Israeli schools, some student wrote me a letter in which he says I opened his eyes, I opened his heart, and I saved his life, and I should run for politics. So we are swimming against the current. We are very much like someone who is drawing water out of the ocean, with a teaspoon, full of holes. But I believe firmly that we put little seeds in the ground. \*Show people that if we, me and my brother Ghazi, who paid the highest price possible, can talk to each other, then anyone can.\* (SPG) And this is our, the basic of the basics. I mean these, are the hope for a better future. Because we can't go on killing each other forever. We are very tired, both nation's are exhausted. And we show them the way out from this labyrinth. We are the way out, you know? (Laughs) In one of our appearances, two weeks ago, some Jewish woman rose up from the audience and you know, in a very patronizing way, talked about the conflict. And then she said to Ghazi, Ghazi tell me please, where is the Palestinian Gandhi. And I was preparing to tell her that there was no similarity between the occupier and the occupied and all the nonsense. \*And he looked at her in the eye and said, Lady, I am the Palestinian Gandhi. And do you see my brother? He is the Israeli Gandhi.\* (SPG) That's it.

### **39:06 – Two Shot – Rami and Ghazi**

Rami: \*Our events, all the projects that we do, all the things that we do, are aimed for one target. We are putting holes and cracks in this wall of hatred and fear that divides our two nations.\* (SPG) And we do that so we, go to lecture schools. Last two years we made 1,400 lectures in Israeli schools. Telling the students that there is a connection in their behavior at the checkpoints and the next victim of terror. We are the only ones who can carry this message. About a year and a half ago, when the number of dead was 1,200, we sent a delegation to the United States, to New York. We put in front of the U.N. building in New York, 1,200 coffins covered with Israeli and Palestinian flags. To show the world what it means, one thousand and two hundred. Do you know what the number today is? A year and a half later? Three thousand and two hundred dead. Not including the 21 Israeli Arab and Jews that died in <?> the suicide bombing, not including the retaliation at <?> Camps, 8 Palestinians including 2 children. And not including the three Americans that were murdered by God knows who. So the numbers are up. One of the major projects that we did [**Zoom in to Medium Shot – Rami**] is called "Hello Salam", "Hello Peace." Hello Shalom. And it is created to create conversations between Israelis and Palestinians. Last year alone, you can dial a four digit number, you get a recorded message. If you're a Palestinian you can talk to an Israeli, if you're an Israeli you can talk to a Palestinian. And last year alone, 200,000 talks were made between Israelis and Palestinians. Which means 700,000 minutes of talking between Israelis and Palestinians last year alone. Just imagine what would have happened if the two crazy leaders of these two nations 700,000 minutes of talking, we would have peace by now. After one especially bloody day in the occupied territories, we decided to do something exceptional. And we invited our brothers and sisters, the

Palestinian bereaved families to come to Jerusalem to <?>. And they donated their blood for the Israeli wounded. We ourselves sneaked behind the lines to <?> hospital, and we gave our blood to the Palestinian wounded. And later on when I came back home to Jerusalem, I was invited to the Israeli television. And the make up girl asked me, “How can you give your blood to the enemy?” \*And I sat there in the television studio in front of the cameras telling my people that it is much, much better to donate blood, than to spill it.\* (SPG) Our last project, is a unique project, which is a summer camp for the bereaved families kids, Palestinian and Israeli. It took place in a place called Nevi Shalom which is a joint village for Arab and Jews in Israel. Ghazi my brother was the organizer of the whole thing. It was a great success.

### **43:19 – Medium Shot – Ghazi**

Ghazi: The idea camp, is how we can keep our kids away from this conflict. And to create a new generation on both side away from hatred, away from killing, away from blood. And to look toward each other as a human being. And to be ready in the future to live and accept the reality of the solution of the two states the two nations. To live under the same sky, to drink from the same river. \*So we said also to keep them away from the screen of the T.V. Whenever you turn on in Israeli or Palestine any T.V. screen you see suicide bombing, you see apache plane bombing the Palestinian area, you see fighting, you see coffins. And dead people. Daily. You see cemeteries, on both side.\* (SPG) So we said, let us bring those kids together. We talked to the Israeli bereaved families and we talked to the Palestinian bereaved families who are ready to send their kids. The ages was between 10 and 18 years old to bring them to the summer camp. So the Parent’s Circle office take care of everything to cover the whole project, it was for four days, including three nights. From transportation, food, even tickets to go to the, I don’t know what you call it...

Rami: Playground...

Ghazi: Playground... like Disneyland. And the main thing we have to make sure is to take each kid from his home, especially in the Palestinian area, because they can’t take out their cars and drove over the main roads. And we have also Palestinian kids from Jerusalem and Arab Israeli. So we make sure to get all of them in Nevi Shalom, together and make sure they have to go back in safe. We gave the telephone number to the parents and we took the parents telephone number in case any kids have any problems. You know, the health problems, if they fall down, we have to make sure that. And we made for each one of them a file to make sure that is under control. And we moved from Jerusalem, the first station is to move from Jerusalem, to meet all of us together, together in Jerusalem and to go to Nevi Shalom. As I said, some of the Israeli kids, their parents, drove them down to Nevi Shalom by their own cars. **[Close Up Ghazi’s Non-Broken Hand]** Now during the summer camp there **[Medium Close Up – Rami]** suicide bomb attack happened in Jerusalem. **[Medium Close Up – Ghazi]** I can say on the line between the Arab and the Jewish Israeli community. That moment, the kids were playing in the Disneyland in Tel Aviv. And then sometimes you think the things that happen, that someone is controlling the game. And you think it’s a program...



Rami: On purpose...

Ghazi: Yeah. Two kids, they were from the family called <?Misk?> family, their father, I remember, he's a doctor and a member... **[Plane Flies Overhead – Ghazi Stops]**

**48:32 – Medium Close Up – Rami**

Rami: Oh this is, this is quite obvious. Because (clears his throat) Mico lives here but his heart (points) is over there. And he lives everyday what is happening. And when my daughter was killed, it took him 12 hours to be beside me. His life are combined with our lives, so it is only natural that he will do the utmost to achieve. Some kind of dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians considering us and our opinions. And most of all considering his father, which was a great warrior for peace.

**49:41 – Medium Close Up – Ghazi**

Ghazi: Well first of all I would like to thank all the people and all the work that bring us 1,000 miles away from our home to the States. Starting with the fellowship for reconciliation and peace represented by Scott Kennedy from Santa Cruz. And now we are in San Diego, and great thanks to Mico, and his family which I met during the summer camp. It was only a meeting for 15, 20 minutes. And also I thank <?> a Palestinian who has also hosted me in his home. He is from Nazareth. And it's my first time I've been hosted by a Palestinian all through my trip. Now what can make a difference or what our speech we can come through out, I saw what the lottery club are doing. Which, <?Mehoo?> is a member of that club. The humanitarian need and help and efforts they are doing over all the world, and Palestine and Israel is a part of it. Our speech here which to talk to the Muslim community which I appreciate <?Mehoo?> and Mr. Benner for their effort to get us involved with the Muslim community because it's so important as it is much important to be in the Jewish community to let the people know that Palestine and Israel are not only people fighting, there are also people, they want peace, and they want to live side-by-side in freedom. So I hope, as long as the people here are ready to listen to our voice, it means they are not standing aside, and they want to be involved. And we are looking that they can influence the popular opinion through their communities. To cause <?> pressure on their government through their congressmen, through their governor. To make pressure on that American government which holds a real equal pressure on the Palestinian and Israeli leadership to put an end for this killing and this conflict. So if we don't have hope, or if we don't believe in any hope, we wouldn't be here today in San Diego. Because we have hope, we believe in the people here, we are going to believe they can do, they can change. So, here we are.

**53:21 – Medium Close Up – Ghazi**

Ghazi: You know first of all, we find it difficult to saying the same story. But we find out, this is also important. Some people are against this completely because they don't want to keep trying to remember what has happened. But to us we think it's much as heart, it's much as innate. To show people what's the meaning of the pain, what's the meaning of the <?>, what's the meaning of to lose someone that you love. And it's to show them how much you believe in your message. And your duty. And what you are in

need for. And why the people should not keep standing aside. And because you are trying to stop this and prevent this loss for any other families on both sides. On the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2000, my first brother, Jusef, 31 years old, married, with two kids, 6 years old, a boy and a girl. He was coming back from his work between 7 o'clock and 8 o'clock in the evening. As I said I am a Bet Omar municipality employee of the energy department. I was trying to fix on the highway by the main transformer to get back the electricity for part of the town. So when I'm coming out, I get back the electricity, I've done my job. I see my brother coming back. I say to my brother, where are you going? He says, I'm going home. I said, ok you go, wait me there, because we have to get my brother <?Halin?> from the west side of town. He was coming back from his work and he is tired because there is no transportation. He said, ok. **[Rustling Mic Sound]** I drove my car, I went down to my home. I park my car, which I mean the municipality car. And I prepared myself to go to my brother's home. While I'm just walking away from my home, a few meters, I heard one shot. I know something bad has happened, but to who I don't know. Usually when we used to hear one bullet, one shot, a live bullet, it means that someone, gets hurt. It's when usually we hear a huge, an automatic machine gun, or the huge sound of bullets, when know the soldiers are trying to avoid the people, not to come closer to something. To keep them away. So while I am preparing myself to go, it's not so far from my home... **[Child Making Noise]** So I saw my brother's car coming down, driving very fast and I couldn't see my brother driving. Then someone came down and he say to me, I say what's happened, and he say, oh it's ok, they shot him in his head. I then I found out that the one was my brother. Now I went to the hospital. What has happened is the soldier probably has knocked down my car, punctured the four wheels, they prevent me to go to the hospital on the main road. But finally I reach the hospital, and I meet with his friend who was sitting next to him. I say, what has happened? I left you, I went home. It's only 10 minutes. What's wrong. And he said, we were just driving behind you and you went to the right side to go to your home and then 6 soldiers, three on the right side, three on the left side, we don't know from where they came **[Rustling Mic Sound]** and they stop us. They start throwing stones against the car for three, four times. Each time, your brother and me, we get down. Your brother showing them his I.D., his car papers and each time they say, shut your mouth, be silent, go back to your car. And he said there is no curfew there is no closure. Why are you doing this? I have to go back to my family and to my home and to my kids. And then the soldier said, if you will not get back if you will not keep silent, I mean if you will not keep shalom, then we will shoot you down son-of-a-bitch. And then my brother said, you son-of-a-bitch, not me, why are you talking back to me? I haven't done anything to you. Then he say I will shoot, and he said if you want to shoot then shoot, no one will stop you. But I haven't done anything. If you want the car, you can take it. You want my I.D. you can take it. My family is waiting, my brother is waiting. So he said, I said, I will shoot you. He said, ok go ahead, shoot. And he shot him down. And the distance was one meter. The bullet was straight into his head, blow up this part of the head, the backside, the top side. And he fell down and 5 minutes later lost his life. So if you have the power, if you have the gun in your hand and no one will judge you, no one will put you in jail, because you are the judge and you are the sniper. No one can do anything to you, so you can decide who to kill, and who to shoot, and who to injure. **[Police Siren]** And this is what's happening.