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SHOTLIST

1. SOUNDBITE (Arabic): Ahmad Ghanem, 15 years old, injured on 1 June 2018 by live ammunition at the Bureij protest site by the separation fence: My injury was to the arm and to the chest.

2. Drone shot of tents at Bureij protest site, one of the five designated protest areas by the separation fence.

3. SOUNDBITE (Arabic): Ahmad Ghanem: I was in a coma for a whole week.

4. Still picture of Ahmed Ghanem with device on his arm at hospital

5. SOUNDBITE (Arabic): Ahmad Ghanem: I was injured in my arm, chest,

 lung, diaphragm, and liver.

6. Drone shot over protest tents in Bureij

7. SOUNDBITE (Arabic): Ahmad Ghanem: I don't think my condition will return to normal.

8. Drone shot of people walking towards Bureij protest site

9. SOUNDBITE (Arabic): Mohammed Ghamem, Ahmad’s father: I noticed at 3:00 pm that he wasn't at home. I went out there to look for him.

10. Drone shot over Bureij protest site and tents.

11. SOUNDBITE (Arabic): Mohammed Ghamem, Ahmad’s father: The Great March of Return camp is about 1000 meters from us.

6. Open source video of Ahmad Ghanem carried injured at the Bureij protest site

7. SOUNDBITE (Arabic): Mohammed Ghanem, Ahmad’s father: I was 4 meters from him when I heard gunshots.

8. Open source video of Ahmad Ghanem injured surrounded by medics at the Bureij protest site

9. SOUNDBITE (Arabic): Mohammed Ghanem, Ahmad’s father: It was Ahmad. He fell to the ground. Some guys took him to a stretcher which was near me.

10. Drone shot over Bureij protest site and tents.

11. SOUNDBITE (Arabic): Mohammed Ghanem, Ahmad’s father: Every time he went near the barbed wire, I brought him back.

12. Drone shot over Bureij protest site and tents.

13 SOUNDBITE (Arabic): Mohammed Ghanem, Ahmad’s father: Most parents object to their children going to the fence.

14. Drone shot over Bureij protest site and tents.

15. SOUNDBITE (Arabic): Mohammed Ghanem, Ahmad’s father: But the Great March of Return is a scream of our pain. It's like a scream of pain from inside the blockade.

16. SOUNDBITE (Arabic): Maryam Abu Matar, 16years old: I was injured on Land Day,

on Friday 30 March. I was on the eastern border in Rafah.

17. Wide drone shot of Rafah protest site in southern Gaza

18. SOUNDBITE (Arabic): Maryam Abu Matar: There were thousands and thousands of demonstrators, guys and girls, women, children, old people.

19. Drone shot over Rafah protest site towards separation fence

20. SOUNDBITE (Arabic): Maryam Abu Matar: Then my friend and I went back to the border. But all the guys had backed away, no one was moving towards the fence.

21. Open source video of Maryam Abu Matar with flag close to separation fence. Red circle indicating Maryam

22. SOUNDBITE (Arabic): Maryam Abu Matar: My friend and I held hands and moved forward, we were in front of the guys. The other girls joined us, we all held hands. We moved to the front, the guys were behind us, cheering us on.

23. Open source photo of Maryam Abu Matar close to separation fence

24. SOUNDBITE (Arabic): Maryam Abu Matar: I was planting the flags in the ground,

going more and more forward.

25. Open source photo of Maryam Abu Matar close to separation fence

SOUNDBITE (Arabic): Maryam Abu Matar: I was boiling inside. As you know, we see the injustice we live in, every day.

26. SOUNDBITE (Arabic): Maryam Abu Matar: When I was waving the flag I heard gunshots,

I was hit and in shock.

27. Open source video of Israeli troops by separation fence

28. SOUNDBITE (Arabic): Maryam Abu Matar: First when they carried me I fell to the ground. Then they carried me again and took me to the ambulance. I just wanted to pass out, I was in so much pain.

29. Open source video of Maryam Abu Matar carried injured on Rafah protest site

30. When I was shot I was on the verge of death. First they thought I needed an amputation.

But then, praise to God ... it was a miracle. My main operation, which was on 1 June, was to determine my future. There was either going to be an amputation or I was going to be able to walk again. But the chance of success was 20%. But thank God, my success was 80%.

STORYLINE

The United Nations Independent Commission of Inquiry on the protests in the Occupied Palestinian Territory today presented its findings in Geneva. The report focuses on the demonstrations in the Gaza Strip, referred to as the “Great March of Return and the Breaking of the Siege”. The Commission found that Israeli snipers shot at journalists, health workers, children and persons with disabilities, knowing they were clearly recognizable as such. The Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that individual members of the Israeli Security Forces killed and injured civilians who were neither directly participating in hostilities, nor posing an imminent threat. These serious human rights and humanitarian law violations may constitute war crimes or crimes against humanity. The Commission investigated every killing at the designated demonstration sites by the Gaza separation fence on official protest days. The investigation covered the period from the start of the protests until 31 December 2018. 189 Palestinians were killed during the demonstrations inside this period. The Commission found that Israeli Security Forces killed 183 of these protesters with live ammunition. Thirty-five of these fatalities were children, while three were clearly marked paramedics, and two were clearly marked journalists. According to the Commission’s data analysis, the Israeli Security Forces injured 6,106 Palestinians with live ammunition at the protest sites during this period. Another 3,098 Palestinians were injured by bullet fragmentation, rubber-coated metal bullets or by hits from tear gas canisters. Four Israeli soldiers were injured at the demonstrations. One Israeli soldier was killed on a protest day but outside the protest sites. Victims, witnesses and representatives of civil society were interviewed by the Commission, among them Ahmad Ghanem, 15, who was injured in his abdomen and his arm on 1 June at the Bureij protest site. Ahmad has had half of one of his lungs and parts of his liver removed. Ahmad’s father Mohammad is with him at the clinic in Istanbul where Ahmad is treated. Maryam Abu Matar, 16, and Ahmad Ghanem are among the 940 children under 18 shot by live fire in the Gaza protests. 35 children have been killed. Maryam is treated in Istanbul. Maryam narrowly escaped amputation after her serious leg injury. Her injury still causes infection and she is only able to walk with an external fixator.