

Here you have a few pictures from the farming season 2012 – 2013, they are just three examples extracted among too many, in order to make you understand better how urgent is our call – as a tribute also to the courage of all Gazan farmers.

Let us first remind you that there are two principal times for farming in Gaza : seed season after the rain (November to January), preparing the naked land and throwing seeds...



... and spring season (end of March or April to July), harvesting (by hands !) when the weather is already hot



This work is done under the permanent threat of lethal weapons, from the automatic towers, as the one you see here behind the huge bulldozers, entering the Gazan lands again and again, and destroying the fields newly farmed :



or from jeeps as this one :



... from which soldiers quietly aim at working farmers :



The result ? Death, suffering :

2013, January 30th, Beit Hanoun, tending for trees some 300 meters from the fence

This young man is a farmer, named Hamam Mohana Obeed Al Kafarne. . Here he is in a hospital bed, with an explosive bullet in the leg.



One bullet hits also a leg of his horse, that died after days of suffering.

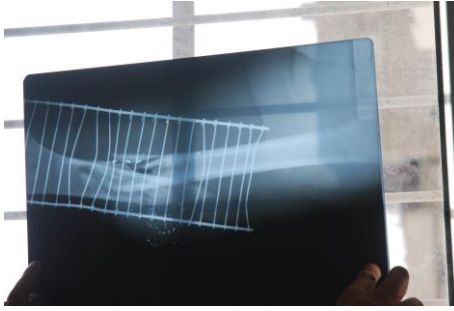
Why? The place where they were working is at least 250 meters far from the fence, one of the rare land with small trees, carefully tended. So workers are often there. But this morning on January 30th, soldiers shot.



2013, June 2nd, east of Jabalia, coming on horse cart to harvest ripe water melon



Ahmed Hamadin, the oldest son of the family, was the only one to get a salary. He has got unable to work for months : an explosive bullet, it means a small entry point, but a 10 cm wide wound at exit point, with lots of splinters all around inside on the flesh. It was early this morning of Sunday, June 2nd, the agricultural workers were arriving on their usual working spot, hundreds of meters from fence. They even did not see from where the bullets were coming.



2013, June 10th, east of Rafah, working around 30 meters far from the fence

Amer abu Hadayed, 21 years old , has been working very often in the east of Rafah city, as a farmer when farming time, as a worker for collecting stones or other items otherwise. This day he was 30 meters far from the fence working there as usual, routine, but soldiers went out from one jeep and shot at him and other 3 persons working there with him. Gun shot in his chest, he was suffering a lot in ICU when we went to visit him there.



Put an end to Israeli forces impunity !