

1-An open letter to Prime-minister Ariel Sharon and Defense minister Shaul Mofaz. With regard to Rachel Corrie's murder in Rafah.

It has been a week since Rachel Corrie was murdered in Rafah by an IDF bulldozer on Sunday March 16, 2003. Rachel Corrie was a volunteer with the non-violent organization, The International Solidarity Movement. We have yet to hear about any official inquiry as to the circumstances of the incident, and to the holding of those accountable to the rule of law. The horrifying testimonies of eye witnesses, contradict the explanation of a "regrettable accident" provided by the IDF immediately after the incident. During this past week the Israeli government did not express any apology or condolences to the Corrie family.

As Israelis we are ashamed that such an appalling murder could happen "accidentally," as we are ashamed every time Palestinian civilians die in such "accidental" murders.

We are ashamed of the fact that the Israeli government did not express any regret about the

incident,  
and did not offer any condolences to the Corrie family.

We are ashamed of the fact that there was no inquiry, that those accountable were not punished, and  
that there were no lessons learnt.

We are ashamed to learn that two days after Corrie's murder, during a memorial service -- while  
Corrie's friends were building a small shrine with flowers and palm trees -- the IDF showed  
with  
tanks, other vehicles, and the same bulldozer that killed Corrie. The soldiers refused to allow  
the  
mourners to finish the service, and dispersed them with tear gas, shooting in the air, and other  
intimidation techniques.

We are ashamed of the fact that the Israeli media gave little exposure to the incident, certainly  
not  
enough to arouse a public debate about it.

We wish to express our sorrow and condolences to Rachel's family and friend, and our  
appreciation to  
Rachel's courage and dedication.

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