will clarify that Rachel and the other ISM volunteers were in the area engaging two bulldozer drivers for approximately two hours before Rachel was crushed. The photos are 100% consistent with eyewitness accounts and offer clear evidence that the bulldozer drivers were aware of the presence of ISM volunteers and their efforts.

- The Israeli Embassy in Washington DC has been using quotes by Thom Saffold in the Washington Post (Monday March 17, 2003), to try to advance their claim that Rachel bears sole responsibility for her death. Thom Saffold, while a previous volunteer with the ISM, is not a spokesperson for the ISM, he was present at the incident, nor is he currently in Palestine with the ISM. Washington Post correspondent Molly Moore distorted the plain meaning of Saffold's words when she irresponsibly composited three separate and unrelated statements into a single quote that any intelligent person can see does not reflect the philosophy of ISM or Saffold's original meaning.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

Rachel Corrie was acting in the tradition of Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King when I life was snuffed out. Many justice and human rights defenders before Rachel have lost their lives in their struggle for righteousness and in their attempts to make this world a better place and, sadly, others follow after her.

Rachel was a mature, conscientious human being who worked to bring people together and did wonders as an ambassador of the true face of the American people in a different part of the world -- an American people that does not turn up outside Palestinian homes and give their occupants 5 minutes to gather what possessions they can, before bulldozing into dust the fruits of a life spent working to provide for a family.

In a very direct way, Rachel stood up for family values and for those who were too poor and powerless to be able to protect themselves. She was a true American hero.

The United States government has a particular responsibility to investigate Rachel’s death, only because she was a US citizen killed by a foreign government, but also because the US
government actively supplies Israel with the military hardware and funds that enabled and continue to enable Israel to carry out these illegal and immoral acts.

The world cannot go on ignoring the violence that continues daily to claim the lives and livelihoods of many other unarmed, nonviolent Palestinian civilians. Rachel Corrie offers us an opportunity to look through a window into the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and see things as they are. Let us not close the curtains and go about our business. She and the Palestinian people deserve better.

RELATED RESOURCES

For eyewitness accounts and photos:
INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT
http://www.palsolidarity.org

3-Jenin: Fourth Day of Collective Punishment for Ya'bad; Israeli Army Keeps up Pressure

Following the killing of a Jewish settler by a member of the Palestinian resistance at about 1 pm on Wednesday afternoon, the Israeli Army of Occupation around Jenin has been taking its revenge upon Ya'bad, a town about 8 kilometres to the west of Jenin, close to the by-pass road upon which the killing took place. (By pass roads are those reserved for the exclusive use of Jews and soldiers).

Half an hour after the killing the Israelis moved into Ya'bad and imposed a strict closure, cutting the town off from the rest of the West Bank and confining its entire population to their home before systematically destroying the olive trees of the surrounding farms.

Although the curfew has been lifted on an occasional basis since it's implementation, the stores of Ya'bad have almost completely exhausted their food supplies so that this afternoon the Jen Municipality contacted the ISM with a request to deliver bread from the town's two bakeries to its households tomorrow.

Upon receipt of the request, three ISM activists (from Sweden, Denmark and Mexico) immediately left to investigate the situation and saw first hand the suffering of the people of Ya'bad at the hands of their occupiers. Many of the houses' rainwater tanks had been punctured by Israeli rifle fire.