



WHAT IS IT REALLY LIKE IN THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION ARMY?



- *Enforcing an illegal occupation
- *Violating human rights * Theft &
- *Shooting children * Attacking civil society * Bulldozing homes * Destroying water supplies *
- Collective punishment * Ethnic cleansing * Crimes against humanity
- * Terrorizing a civilian population
- destruction of Palestinian property

"Before we went into Shekhem (Nablus), I asked some of the guys to teach me. They sat with me for two hours. They taught me how to drive forwards and make a flat surface...I didnt give a damn about demolishing their houses...I had no mercy for anybody....No one refused an order to knock down a house. No such thing. When I was told to bring down a house, I took the opportunity to bring down some more houses; not because I wanted to but because when you are asked to demolish a house, some other houses usually obscure it, so there is no other way. I would have to do it even if I didnt want to. They just stood in the way. If I had to erase a house, come hell or high water I would do it. ...For three days, I just destroyed and destroyed. The whole area. Any house that they fired from came down. And to knock it down, I tore down some more. They were warned by loudspeaker to get out of the house before I come, but I gave no one a chance. I didnt wait. I didnt give one blow, and wait for them to come out. I would just ram the house with full power, to bring it down as fast as possible. I wanted to get to the other houses. To get as many as possible. Others may have restrained themselves, or so they say. Who are they kidding? Anyone who was there, and saw our soldiers in the houses, would understand they were in a death trap. I thought about saving them. I didnt give a damn about the Palestinians, but I didnt just ruin with no reason. It was all under orders. ...Many people where inside houses we started to demolish. They would come out of the houses we where working on. I didnt see, with my own eyes, people dying under the blade of the D-9. and I didnt see house falling down on live people. But if there were any, I wouldnt care at all. I am sure people died inside these houses, but it was difficult to see, there was lots of dust everywhere, and we worked a lot at night. I found joy with every house that came down, because I knew they didnt mind dying, but they cared for their homes. If you knocked down a house, you buried 40 or 50 people for generations. If I am sorry for anything, it is for not tearing the whole camp down. ...I had plenty of satisfaction. I really enjoyed it. I remember pulling down a wall of a four-story building. It came crashing down on my D-9. My partner screamed at me to reverse, but I let the wall come down on us. We would go for the sides of the buildings, and then ram them. If the job was to hard, we would ask for a tank shell....I couldnt stop. I wanted to work and work. There was this Golani officer who gave us orders by radio - I drove him mad. I kept begging for more and more missions. On Sunday, after the fighting was over, we got orders to pull our D-9s out of the area, and stop working on our football stadium, because the army didnt want the cameras and press to see us working. ...I had lots of satisfaction in Jenin, lots of satisfaction.... This is the way I thought in Jenin. I answered to no one. Didnt give a damn. The main thing was to help our soldiers. If I had been given three weeks, I would have had more fun. That is, if they would let me tear the whole camp down. I have no mercy. ...No one expressed any reservations against doing it. Not only me. Who would dare speak? If anyone would as much as open his mouth, I would have buried him under the D-9. This is the reason I didnt mind seeing the hundred by hundred[7] weve flattened. As far as I am concerned, I left them with a football stadium, so they can play. This was our gift to the camp. Better than killing them. They will sit quietly. Jenin will not return to what it used to be."

-Moshe Nissim. IDF reserve soldier, bulldozer operator. Yedioth Ahronoth, May 31, 2002

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