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## **Children In Gaza**

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In Gaza

In Gaza the last six months, Israeli bombs killed 13,851 Palestinian children.

How can we, safe in the U.S., take in that number, that horror?

We can remember 9/11, the 3,000 killed, and multiply by 5.

We can imagine the smoking towers filled with children.

To get to 13,851, add 1 and 1 and 1. There is no faster way.

Each one is a child. Each has a name. Each is beloved:

*Abd Al-Jawad Mizar Hosu*

*Abdel Khaleq Fadi Khaled Al Baba*

... The list is long. To read it is to risk being changed.

KNOW THEIR NAMES: Palestinian children killed in Gaza War

Each name has a story. It ends abruptly. It asks to be heard.

Mohammed Alshannat is the father of three children.

He tells about their terror, desperation, and starvation:

“ People are hoping that Israel nukes us so we get rid of this pain.”

Read: “People are hoping that...” NYTimes by Nicholas Kristof, March 9, 2024

*Three questions follow:*

A plentiful world for all at the price of killing one tiny child,

Would you accept that bargain? – Dostoyevsky

If you permit this evil, what is the good of

the good of your life? – Stanley Kuntz

What will you say in the years to come when asked...

“What did you do during that genocide?”