

Father of Slain Palestinian Infant Dies from His Wounds

Saad Dawabsha, the father of 18-month-old Ali Dawabsha who was burned alive in an arson attack by Israeli extremists on July 31, died from his injuries early Saturday morning, local sources told Ma'an.

Saad, 30, suffered from third-degree burns covering 80 percent of his body, the Palestinian Minister of Health told Ma'an, and was fighting for his life for more than a week before succumbing to his wounds.

Local sources from the family's village of Duma in the northern West Bank told Ma'an that the family had been notified of the death of Saad soon after he passed, and added that the 30-year-old would be laid to rest on Saturday.

Saad's wife Riham Dawabsha, remains in critical condition and suffers third-degree burns across 90 percent of her body.

Saad, along with his wife Riham and other son Ahmad, 4, were immediately taken to the hospital with severe burns after Israeli extremists torched their home in the middle of the night, burning their infant son Ali alive.

Israeli settlers reportedly smashed the windows of two homes in Duma, before throwing flammable liquids and Molotov cocktails inside, killing infant Ali, who was trapped inside the house, and critically injuring the other family members.

The crime has sparked international outrage, with many observers pointing out that settler attacks against the Palestinian community are common and often go unpunished by the Israeli authorities.

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