

"The Lifeline of the Strip" Street Massacre

"Without divine intervention, a massacre that would have claimed the lives of hundreds would have occurred here. " So spoke an eyewitness describing the details of the new Israeli massacre that took place on the evening of Wednesday, June 11, 2003, in a crowded street south of downtown Gaza City, described as the lifeline of the Strip. The Israeli Apache helicopters targeted a car carrying two members of the Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades (the armed wing of Hamas).

Palestinians assert that Israel deliberately bombed the car in this densely populated street to cause the maximum number of casualties. The bombardment resulted in the martyrdom of 7 Palestinians, including two women and two children, in addition to two members of the al-Qassam Brigades, Tito Massad and Suhail Abu Nahel. Dozens were also wounded in the attack.