

Update from Palestine 18 April 2025

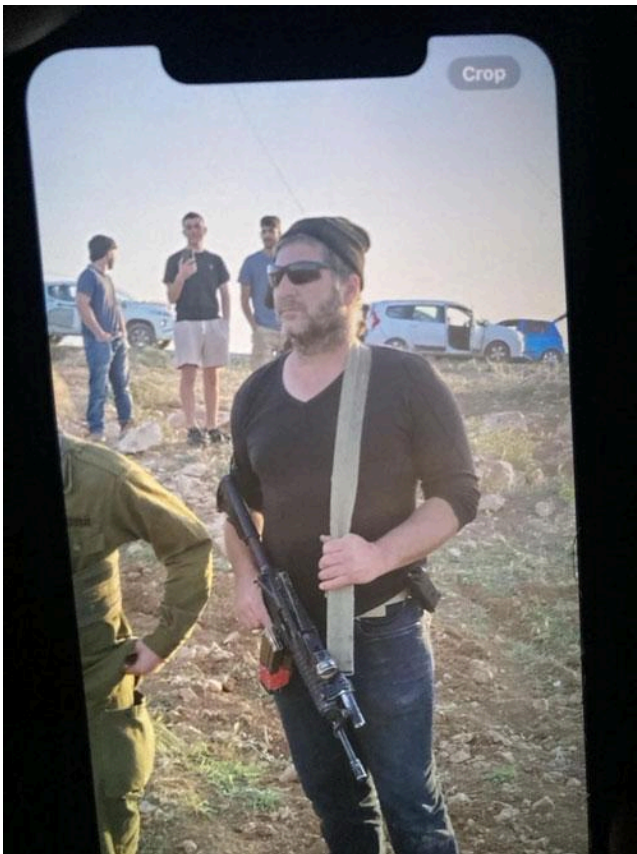
Settler shoots Palestinian farmer on his own land

Settler remains free - but the farmer's son has been arrested

Jonny has updated us with some distressing news from the South Hebron hills of Palestine where a farmer has been shot in the leg. This is a lightly edited version of Jonny's account.

Jonny's first message

Dreadfully a Palestinian farmer has been shot near where I have been staying. I went to support him the other day and the police took no notice. But tonight, awfully, this same farmer has been shot severely in the knee. He will of course be disabled and unable to go about his life. [[Video of the aftermath of the shooting](#)- viewer discretion]



Staggeringly, his son has been arrested, and not the perpetrator!

The shooter is a settler called Budi (pictured left). It's not the first time he has attacked Palestinians.

In the past he has been to K's house - where I am staying tonight (April 17). He wrecked it and beat-up K. See videos of the past damage [here](#) and [here](#).

K is such a lovely man. And his family is so sweet, generous and welcoming. He is scared tonight I know.

We will be going shepherding tomorrow with extra caution.

Jonny's second message – April 17

The boy who was arrested is at the police station and has been interrogated, they accused him of assaulting soldiers - not true and they cannot prove it – he will probably be released in the morning (April 18) on bail. His father is in surgery in Sokora Hospital just across the 1948 border. The rest of the family are very scared – with the shot farmer in hospital and his son in jail it will be just women and kids at home. They are the priority for a protective presence over the next few days...

Jonny is pictured here using his baking skills to good effect cooking with K's family last night

Jonny's third message – April 18

The shot farmer is in a military hospital. He is under military guard and lies sedated in bed. We were not allowed to see him, nor could we get information on his condition. But we were joined by a friend who knew people working at the hospital and they were able to help.

Apparently, he is stable but the damage to the artery in his leg is severe and the doctors are considering amputation. The son is still under arrest.

Jonny's fourth message – April 18

He got out of surgery. Now he is starting to wake up from the anaesthesia. Unfortunately, they had to amputate his leg.



We will no doubt be getting further updates from Jonny as this is clearly a developing situation. But it is important to get this news out. A family's world is devastated in a moment and they receive no accountability.

For many years settlers have been acting with impunity destroying the lives and livelihoods of Palestinians with the encouragement from the army and government of Israel. But the problem is only getting worse. A 3 November 2023 article in Al Jazeera describes this ongoing harassment: ['Unsafe in own home': Israeli settlers spread terror in South Hebron Hills](#)

This [Twitter video published by Eye on Palestine](#) gives a very good account of the shooting and arrests yesterday.

[A message of solidarity from Sheffield Palestine Campaign to the Palestinian farmer who was brutally attacked yesterday](#)