

ANNEX IV – Account of incident written by Omar Deriah whose apartment was invaded by the Israeli army and he and his flat-mate were given papers asking them to go to Ofer for an 'interview', they didn't go and his flat-mate was then stopped at a checkpoint because of this.

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In the summer of 2005, the Israeli army invaded my student house in the old city of Birzeit where I lived with another flat-mate, Ibrahim Al Jamal, who was also studying in Birzeit University at the time. He was a sociology student at the time.

The soldiers arrived between 11 and 1am at night, there were about 5 soldiers and they stayed in the house for about 20 minutes. One of them stood out as he was bald and I recognized him as being the soldier that many students have told me about; he is the one who usually asks students to 'talk' to him and is known by the names of 'Raouf' and 'Doodi'.

The soldiers looked around the house and then 'Raouf' asked me my name which has the same family name as a known Fatah man who was killed by the Israelis, Mohammad Deriah. When he heard my name, 'Raouf' told me "Do you know Mohammad (Deriah)?" I said no. he then told me "Don't think about being like him." I said I am not.

He then handed me an A5 sized paper with Hebrew writing on it and told me I had an interview with him in Ofer. He gave the same paper to Ibrahim.

I told him I couldn't go on that day because I had an exam. He offered to change the time but I didn't agree to this. In the end I didn't go to the interview and neither did Ibrahim.

A few months later, when Ibrahim was crossing a checkpoint to go to Bethlehem he was stopped at the checkpoint and told he had to go to this interview or they wouldn't let him pass. Luckily Ibrahim was accompanying some diplomats in their travels and when they intervened the soldiers let him pass this time.