

Somebody's Brother, Somebody's Son, VIDEO SCRIPT

The call to prayer begins over black.

A child's voice is heard over the call to prayer:

"One day the muezzin let me do the call to prayer from the minaret, I was very young. I stood there and I called - and the people came - they actually came."

A child's image flashes briefly in the middle of this text, then black returns.

Fade out call to prayer.

Young Palestinian appears, slow motion.

Child's voice: "His name is Hamad. He is almost 17 years old."

Woman's voice:

"This was not the first time Mohammed Isma'il al-Baba, known as Hamad, had trouble with the soldiers. In October of 1985, at the age of 13, he was arrested for taking part in a demonstration. He spent three months in prison."

Woman with accent over black:

"When they leave the house, you can never be sure they will return."

First woman's voice continues over images of Hamad:

"The following October, at the age of 14, he was again arrested for the same crime - demonstrating - and spent four months in Ramallah and Nablus prisons."

Woman with accent over black:

"To want freedom is a crime."

First woman's voice continues over images of Hamad:

"In February 1988, the crimes leading to his arrest included burning copies of Al Nahar, a pro-Jordanian newspaper, throwing petrol bombs, writing national graffiti and raising Palestinian flags. For this he received a three-month suspended sentence. In December of 1988, Mohammed Is'mail al-Baba was beaten so severely by the soldiers that he suffered permanent impairment of vision in one eye."

Woman with accent:

"Sometimes when they leave the house, they don't come home."

First woman's voice continues over very slow motion images of Hamad:

"On April 3, 1989, during a noon demonstration in the camp, Mohammed was hit with two live bullets, one in the right hand and another in the left leg."

Sound FX: Water dripping begins and continues under text.

"Later in the day, he was shot in the heart by a soldier standing on top of a wall after another clash broke out."

Woman with accent:

"He was somebody's brother. He was somebody's son."

First woman's voice continues over images of dripping water:

"On April 3, 1989, Mohammed Isma'il al-Baba, 17, of al-Amari Refugee Camp near Ramallah, West Bank, died in Ramallah hospital from a bullet in the heart. The youth from the camp took his body."

Woman with accent:

"He was my son, she was my sister, he was my uncle, she was my niece, they were my friends."

Woman's voice:

"On April 4, soldiers, intelligence forces, and the military governor of Ramallah declared the cemetery at al-Bireh a closed military zone. They would not allow the mosques of al-Bireh and Ramallah to carry prayers for Mohammed. The camp youths secretly buried him and then marched to Amari Camp where soldiers opened fire at them, injuring more than 30 and shooting Mohammed's brother, Mahmoud, in the knee with a rubber bullet. Shortly thereafter, soldiers raided the al-Baba house and fired a high velocity bullet into his sister's foot."

End of water dripping.

Unison mix: man with accent, woman with Accent, two children over images of other young Palestinians.

"They were, he was, she was, we were
They are, he is, she is, we are"

First woman's voice over slow images of Hamad turning his head toward the viewer and then the image freezes:

"My trip to the West Bank and Gaza lasted only eight days. During that time I met approximately 100 Palestinians. Hamad was killed two days after these images were taken. I had not yet left the Middle East.

I remember the land of milk and honey."

Fade to black

"Hamad remembers nothing after his 17th year."