



Amos Sa'ada

Nov 6, 2002 - Amos Sa'ada, 52, of Rafiah Yam in the Gaza Strip, was one of two Israelis shot to death by a Palestinian terrorist posing as a worker. The terrorist was killed by a security officer.

The attack occurred in the morning, just after a group of Palestinian workers arrived at hothouses near Pe'at Sadeh. Despite a security alert that reportedly resulted in the workers being checked -- and cleared -- twice, the terrorist retrieved a pistol that apparently had been hidden for him and shot Assaf Tzfira to death in one of the hothouses.

The gunman, who had apparently worked for some time at the farm, then ran into a textile factory, where he shot and killed Sa'ada. As the terrorist tried to escape, he threatened Rafiah Yam security officer Kobi Hadad with a grenade and was shot dead. One person was lightly wounded in the attack.

Amos Sa'ada was among the founders of Rafiah Yam in 1983, later representing the community on the Gush Katif Regional Council. He had served in the Armored Corps for 22 years until his retirement from service in 1992. After engaging for a time in agriculture, growing hothouse tomatoes, he decided to open a textile plant. Sa'ada survived an earlier attack, in May 2001, when a bomb exploded in his car outside the factory.

Amos Sa'ada was buried in the Ashkelon Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Esther, their six children - David, Ayelet, Chen, Julie, Aviran and Sharon - and two grandchildren.

One of Esther's daughters is married with two kids, and Esther is helping her out with expenses. Her total income is NIS 8800, which she receives as a widow's benefit.

Three of the kids are still students, and two of those are still in high school. They lived in Gush Katif until August 2005, but with the government's expulsion of the communities there, they have been forced to move to Nitzan. Nitzan is a very new community, built specifically for those forced out of Gush Katif. There are no services and no leisure activities in the community, and its residents have not yet coalesced into a community or built friendships with each other.

They have a very old computer at home, and need a new one for the kids to use for their studies and spend leisure time since there is nothing for them to do in Nitzan. The Society of Young philanthropists has helped make their current situation as easy as possible by giving them a new computer for the kids to use. Thank you for the donation o

