

Unfulfilled joy...and a stab in the heart



(Salam's house, which always dreamed of)

Name: Salam Hassan Al-Deeb.

Age: 28 years old.

Number of times displaced: 3 times.

Place of residence (before the war):
Gaza - Kuwaiti House.

Place of residence (after the war):
Al-Zawaida.

Social status: University student.

Number of children: 3 children, (2 children, from her ex-husband).

Number of family members (after the war): 2 children, from her ex-husband.

Level of education: University student.

"The wedding was over, the guests had left, and I went with my husband to our new home, a place I had always imagined as a haven of stability and peace. However, the next morning my dreams were

shattered. Instead of waking up to the joyful sounds of ululations, I woke up terrified of the deafening noise of missiles, as if the end of the world had come. That day was very difficult, and no one knew what was happening. Then came the painful news: leave Gaza City and move to the south."

Salam, a new bride, shared her heartbreak over what happened next. She had been so excited to start her new life with her husband in their home, but everything changed overnight. She and her husband were moved to a school as a refuge, residents in the neighborhood took refuge in it, which felt wrong for a young couple just starting out. This new situation caused a lot of stress and problems in their relationship, and to avoid making things worse, Salam chose to leave the school and stay with her family in a tent.



(Bride's bedroom "Salam", after the bombing and destruction)

Little did she know, the school was just the first stop in a long, difficult journey. Salam had to move many times, each time more exhausting than the last. Eventually, she ended up in the southern Gaza Strip, separated from her husband and struggling to survive with her family. During this time, her health began to worsen. She became very tired and was found to have serious vitamin and mineral deficiencies, leading to her stay in an intensive care.

Throughout her illness, her husband was not around. He didn't call or check on her, leaving her to face her pain alone. The lack of food, high prices, and shortage of medicine made things even worse. With her

family's help, Salam fought to get better, but her health declined again, and she experienced kidney failure, needing to go to intensive care a second time. She became so weak that she couldn't walk or stand.

Despite all these challenges, Salam refused to give up. With her family's support, she continued her treatment and eventually learned to walk again. However, her husband's absence during her struggles left her hurt. His lack of care for her health led Salam to make a tough choice: she decided to separate from him and rebuild her life on her own after all she had been through.

