

# The Palestinian Celebration of Dalal Mughrabi

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**Dalal Mughrabi is the female terrorist** who led the PLO terrorists responsible for the Coastal Road Massacre in 1978, in which 38 Israelis, 12 of them children, were murdered. This was, and remains, the deadliest terror attack in Israel's history. The terrorists had arrived by boat from Lebanon, but having miscalculated, they landed 40 miles from their intended target, a luxury hotel in Tel Aviv. They pulled up onto a beach where a nature photographer, Gail Rubin, was taking pictures; Mughrabi asked Rubin where they were, and once she answered, Mughrabi murdered her. The nine terrorists then walked less than a mile up to the four-lane highway, opened fire at passing cars, and hijacked a white taxi, killing all of its occupants. Setting off down the highway in that taxi

toward Tel Aviv, they then managed to hijack a chartered bus carrying bus drivers and their families on a day outing, along the Coastal Highway. During the ride, the terrorists shot at and threw grenades at passing cars, shot at the passengers, and threw at least one body out of the bus. At one point they commandeered Bus 901, traveling from Tel Aviv to Haifa, and forced the passengers from the first bus to board it.

Later, the terrorists stopped, and one of the perpetrators got out and fired directly into a passing car, killing a teenager, Omri Tel-Oren, and injuring his father Hanoach. Sharon Tel-Oren, Omri's mother, testified: "We were in our station wagon, driving along the coastal highway. We saw something odd ahead – a bus, but it seemed to be stopped. Then we saw someone lying on the road. There was shattered glass all over, children screaming. Then we heard the gunshots. Omri was asleep in the back seat. The bullet passed through the front seat and hit his head, killing him instantly. Then the terrorists on the bus started their mass murder of the passengers."

In the end, Dalal Mughrabi and her fellow terrorists were responsible for the deaths of 38 Israelis, 12 of them children, and for wounding 170, some of them very seriously. Mughrabi and eight other terrorists were killed at the scene; two others survived.

Nan Jacques Zilberdik of Palestinian Media Watch has the story of Muna al-Kurdi, an activist in the affair known as "Sheikh Jarrah" (that's where the Palestinians are trying to present a simple landlord and tenant dispute as an attempt by Israel to "Judaize" east Jerusalem by pushing out *all* the Arabs. Muna al-Kurdi's role model is Dalal Mughrabi. She keeps a photo of Mughrabi posted on her cell phone. The story of al-Kurdi's unsavory heroine-worship is here: "Jerusalem Arab activist's role model is terrorist murderer of 37," by Nan Jacques Zilberdik, [Jihad Watch](#).