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## Editor's Note

### *Suhmur, A New Israeli Record of Slaughter*

On Thursday September 20th, more than one hundred Israeli soldiers stormed the Western-Bekaa village of 'Suhmur'. They forcefully gathered the residents of the village in the village square, and opened fire indiscriminately killing 17 innocent villagers and injuring 22 others.

Thus, 'Israel' added one more barbaric slaughter to its long record of massacres committed against the Palestinian and Lebanese civilians. The last famous one was the bloody massacre of Sabra and Shatila which took place in September 1982, not to mention that of Ein El-Hilwa camp in the South.

Indeed the massacre of Suhmur marks the nervous attitude of the Israelis vis a vis the escalation of armed resistance against them in South Lebanon. Since the beginning of this year, the Lebanese National Resistance Movement has been escalating its courageous military and political actions against the Israeli occupation forces. One day before the massacre, a group of commandos attacked an Israeli military camp, south of Karoun Lake. It was reported that 15 of the enemy soldiers were killed during this attack.

The next day the Israelis sent into the neighboring Shiite village of Suhmur, more than one hundred Israeli soldiers covering their faces with red Kufiyas in order to blame the Druze for the massacre. However, they could not hide their blood stained hands for their history speaks loud of their barbaric massacres and terrorism. The Israeli enemy hopes that such retaliatory policy can stop the peoples' resistance to occupation. However, the history of both the Palestinian and Lebanese people have proved contrary to this. Their strong will and courage can only increase their resistance against the fierce enemy.

*Democratic Palestine* urges all peace loving peoples of the world to raise their protest against the fascist and systematic Israeli racism and terror.

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