



## Amnah's story

Amnah is 12 years old and lives in the Johor Al Deek area of Gaza, Palestine.



**Amnah says:** "We are not safe. We live near the border. Shooting can start at any time.

**Going to school can be risky and dangerous; we walk for almost an hour every day on a slippery, bumpy road, sometimes subject to shooting from the Israeli soldiers.**

We have to wake up very early in the dark before the sunrise so we can reach school on time. We feel stressed during our walk to school. We always walk next to each other holding each other's hands. We fear getting shot at by Israeli soldiers and we also fear explosions of suspicious objects!

We stay away from everything on the road, because it might be explosive!

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Last year, I happened to get home early from school. I was waiting for my siblings and cousins to get back and have lunch together. Suddenly we heard shooting, very near to the road we take to school. I was so scared for my siblings and cousins, then we saw them from a distance walking together, crying and very scared, they were running away from the shooting. This was one of the hardest moments in my life; I felt my heart was going to stop!

I am in my seventh grade, and I want to top my class and study hard. My hobby is reading, I read to my little sister, Malak, bedtime stories. She loves it when I do!

**My dream is to become a doctor in the future;** I have seen many war injuries during the last couple of years. I really wish I become a doctor so I can treat those people and help them!"

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