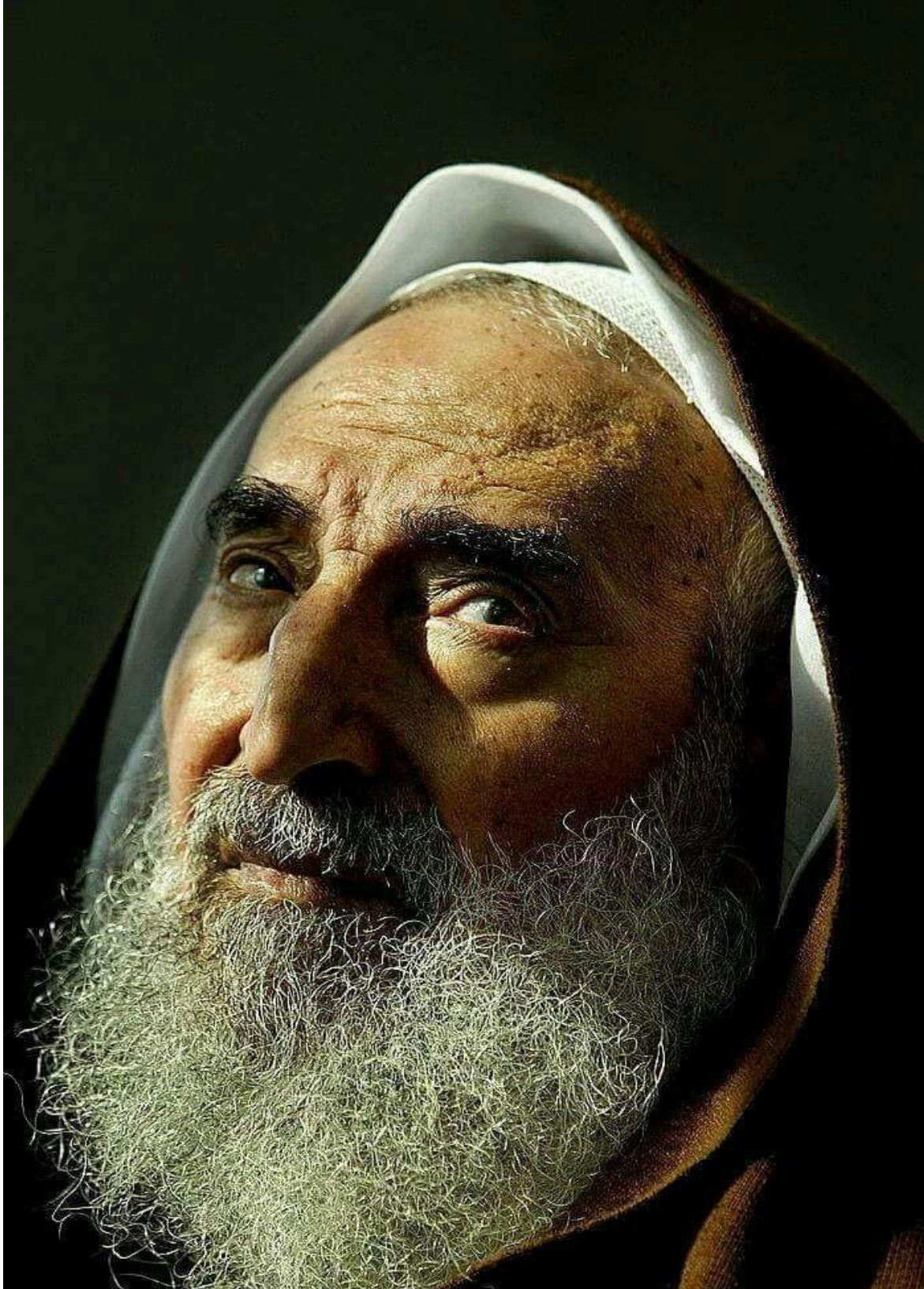


Ahmed Yassin

Sheikh of the Mujahideen



The martyr Ahmed Yassin, the crippled, who resisted the occupation.

Ahmed Ismail Yassin was born in a village called Joura Ashkelon in the Al-Majdal district, which is located 20 kilometers north of Gaza, in June 1936 AD.

His father died when he was only three years old.

In his childhood, he was known as Ahmed Saada, named after his mother, Mrs. Saada Abdullah Al-Habil, to distinguish him from the many members of his family who bore the name Ahmed.

His family immigrated to Gaza with tens of thousands of families expelled by Zionist gangs.

When he was ten years old, he worked in a restaurant in Gaza to support his family of seven members.

When he was sixteen years old, he suffered a fracture in his neck vertebrae, and after 45 days of placing his neck in a plaster cast, it became clear that he was quadriplegic.

He completed his undergraduate studies at Al-Azhar University in Cairo.

He worked as a teacher of the Arabic language, and was a reference for all students. He used to take students to mosques to complete their lessons and organize cultural, sports and social activities for them. He established the Islamic University and had

many visits and lectures. He was a constant presence on all occasions, and he used to tour Palestinian cities and villages despite his paralysis.

The Sheikh, may Allah have mercy on him, was very active with young men and women. After studying, he would take them to the mosque, teach them prayer, morals, and recitation of the Qur'an, and instill in them a love of jihad and martyrdom for the sake of Allah.

The sheikh was repeating, "We and the Jews are in a struggle over this generation. Either the Jews take it from us, or we save it from the hands of the Jews."

He became most famous in the first Palestinian Intifada that broke out in 1987, where he became head of the Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas).

Health status

Although he was completely paralyzed, he suffered from loss of vision in the right eye during his interrogation by Israeli intelligence during his imprisonment. He also suffered from severe weakness in the ability to see in the left eye, chronic ear infection, lung allergies, and some other intestinal diseases and infections. His condition deteriorated further due to his arrest and the lack of appropriate medical care for him.

He was arrested in 1982 and charged with forming a military organization, possessing weapons, and inciting the elimination of the Hebrew state. He was tried before a military court and sentenced to 13 years in prison.

He was released in 1985 as part of a prisoner exchange between the Israeli authorities and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine after spending 11 months in prison.

On October 16, 1991, a Zionist military court issued a sentence to imprison him for life in addition to another 15 years. He was then released in 1997 in a prisoner exchange process.

He left prison to announce that jihad would not stop until all Palestinian lands were liberated and no rights of the Muslim Palestinian people were given up.

Among his poignant words:

"The Arab armies that came to fight the Zionist entity took the weapons from our hands under the pretext that there should be no force other than the force of the armies, so our fate was linked to them. When they were defeated, we were defeated and the Zionist gangs began committing massacres and massacres to terrorize the innocent. If our weapons were in our hands, the course of events would have changed."

He said in his last television interview: "We are seeking martyrdom for the sake of Allah. We are not keen on this life. This life is trivial and cheap. We are seeking eternal life."

On June 13, 2003, Israeli sources announced that Ahmed Yassin does not enjoy immunity and is vulnerable to any Israeli military action.

On September 6, 2003, on Saturday, he was subjected to an Israeli assassination attempt by a helicopter with a quarter-ton bomb. He was accompanied by Ismail Haniyeh, and the sheikh was slightly injured in his right arm.

On Monday, the first of Safar 1425 AH, corresponding to March 22, 2004 AD, Israeli aircraft launched several missiles while he was returning from dawn prayers in a mosque near his home in the Sabra neighborhood in Gaza, in an operation supervised by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. The Israeli Apache helicopters of the Israeli army fired 3 missiles, killing Yassin at that moment, two of his sons were wounded in the operation, and seven of his companions were killed along with him. The parts of the wheelchair in which he was traveling were scattered, and his body was scattered and turned into pieces, may Allah have mercy on him.