

“Our Right to Education was Stolen, Destroyed Too (Scholasticide)”

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Bio

Shahd Rajab is a 21-year-old Palestinian artist from Gaza City. Shahd is a student at the College of Engineering and Information Technology in Gaza. She loves to draw as it has been her only escape from a challenging life in Gaza. During this ongoing/latest war on Gaza, she produced over 90 drawings, persisting in drawing more and insisting on her dreams.

Name of the Drawing: “Our Right to Education was Stolen, Destroyed Too (Scholasticide).” (2024)

Artist Statement

Yet, in another genocidal war on Gaza, our right to education was not spared. The Israeli military forces leveled down and burned universities, libraries, schools, and kindergartens. They destroyed them all. Instead, while displaced several times in the past months, we made tents within the refugee camps and continued our educational journeys. We tolerate the heat and all challenges inside a basic tent, holding on to our fundamental rights until this war ends. Afterward, we will surely rebuild our educational institutions and cities. We still hold onto the hope of life amidst the current genocidal war and the resulting devastation in every facet of our lives. We keep our dreams above everything, above all the pain and loss in our hearts.

