

### Police Investigate Murder Of West Bank Political Moderate

JERUSALEM (WNS) — The police have not yet determined whether the murder of Aziz Shehade, a prominent Palestinian lawyer and political moderate, outside his home in Ramallah was an act of terror intended to warn all moderates in the West Bank or a criminal assault motivated by

one of Shehade's intricate, far-flung and often mysterious business deals. The 73-year-old lawyer, described by some as a multi-millionaire, was killed by a knife slash across the left side of his neck after parking his car in his garage. He died instantly. The weapon

was found 50 meters from Shehade's home. The police assume from the nature of the wound that at least two assailants were involved, one to hold the victim while the other wielded the knife. But there are no clues and so far no arrests. Police said that for the moment they were giving equal weight to political or criminal motivation. Shehade was con-

sidered one of the leading Palestinian moderates in the West Bank. Though he advocated a Palestinian state which he saw living in peace side-by-side with Israel, he favored dialogue over violence. In 1968, he was the first West Bank lawyer to break a strike called by Palestinian lawyers to protest Israel's occupation of the territory after the Six-Day War.

In 1977, before President Anwar Sadat of Egypt visited Israel, Shehade was one of a group of Palestinians who met with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and presented him with a position paper outlining a peaceful solution to the Israel-Palestinian dispute.

Shehade was known to have close contacts with senior Israeli officials which, alone, would make him a likely target of Palestinian extremists. But in recent years he has shied away from politics, devoting himself full time to his law practice and business which he conducted with both Jews and Arabs. For that reason, many observers doubt the murder was politically inspired.

West Bank moderates have been badly shaken and see the killing of Shehade as a threat to those Palestinians who speak out for a negotiated settlement with Israel.

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No doubt the Secretary-General is aware of this shortcoming, hence he has now urged the UN to implement strong and definitive measures against the perpetrators of murders against innocent civilians. Among these must be an act to rescind the justification "for acts of violence which lie in misery, frustration, grievance and despair" as contained in the quoted resolution.

Nothing can justify terrorism, Javier Perez de Cuellar declared at an earlier press conference. "Nothing can justify cowardice. Innocent people must not pay for what are called the mistakes of a Government, or of an individual. That has to be very clear...As a human being, I have a feeling of shame. I think that what the terrorists are doing all over the world is not only a crime but also an act of cowardice..."

If, as the Secretary-General declares, "nothing can justify terrorism," then it is incumbent upon him and upon all Member States who want to eradicate terrorism to reexamine the resolution on "Measures to prevent international terrorism" and amend the clause which by its very phrasing encourages terrorism by so-called "liberation" movements.

And, in doing this, the UN is dutybound to warn some of its recalcitrant Members, among them, Libya, Syria, etc., not to give sanctuary to the murders of innocent men, women and children.

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