The induction ceremony had been held shortly after they first arrived in Gaza. Yusuf had led them in to Beach Camp, then under siege by what seemed like hundreds of Israeli soldiers. The mass confrontations between hundreds of Palestinians and Israeli soldiers would be later replaced by battles between organized groups of shabab and soldiers. But back then, the intifada was young, and the throngs on the street were ordinary people. They bumped into a young Palestine guard on duty who led them to a sanctuary. When the battle died down, they were able to navigate their way out of the camp back to the relative safety of the streets of Deir al–Balah, their eyes and throats stinging from tear gas, burning trash, and rubber.