

6-year-old Palestinian American killed in anti-Muslim hate crime laid to rest in Illinois

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Chicago, October 18 (RHC)-- In the U.S. city of Bridgeview, Illinois -- on the outskirts of Chicago -- mourners have laid to rest Wadea Al-Fayoume, a 6-year-old Palestinian American boy who was stabbed to death in an anti-Muslim hate crime.

The boy's mother, Hanaan Shahin, was left hospitalized with serious injuries after Saturday's assault by the family's landlord, who reportedly shouted "You Muslims must die" during the attack. The landlord appeared in court Monday to face murder charges.

Deanna Othman, a Palestinian American high school teacher and community member who attended the funeral, said: "We're seeing the repercussions of the rhetoric that our government has been spouting and that, you know, a lot of media has been spouting regarding Palestinians, painting them as, you know, less than human. And so, unfortunately, this young boy has paid the ultimate price for that."

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