

## Helping Emad : Helping Emad Burnat to sow his crops in the shadow of the Apartheid Wall

Today, all the internationals in beleaguered Bil'in mustered at 7.30AM to help Emad Burnat - video chronicler of the frequent and violent terror raids of the IOF into his village - sow his crops, as he is now largely incapacitated due to the serious life threatening injuries he sustained a year ago when the brakes of a tractor he was driving failed on a steep encline close to the Apartheid Wall: Emad's life was almost certainly saved by the commendable insistence of the IOF medic who attended the scene to ambulance him to a Tel Aviv hospital rather than one in Ramallah, the task at hand was the clearance of the stones and weeds on his land to facilitate the sowing of diverse fruits and vegetables to sustain his family. In the afternoon, his brother Iyad and wife and the affable son of Israeli MK Dov Khenin, Edo, showed to assist in the stone clearing where shortly afterwards we downed tools to quiten our sharp hunger at a generous picnic provided by Emad on the concrete cap of a deep reservoir to water his growing crops and then head back to the international house tired but well pleased.

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