**II |** **Naela Khalil – Journalists’ Category - Palestinians pay the price of hatred. Political arrests: A settlement of accounts between Fatah and Hamas**Palestinian Naela Khalil, was awarded the Samir Kassir Award for Freedom of the Press - Journalists’ Category for her article “Palestinians pay the price of hatred. Political arrests: A settlement of accounts between Fatah and Hamas”, published in Arabic on March 14, 2008, on the Internet website AMIN (Arab Media Internet Network).
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