

2023 KILLED LIST

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2023, ONE OF THE WORST YEARS SINCE 1990



Anthony Bellanger,
IFJ General Secretary

One hundred and twenty eight journalists and media workers, including 14 women, were killed in 2023. This has been among the deadliest years for journalists since the IFJ started its Killed List in 1990. There have been only four worse annual tallies, all during Iraq's occupation by invading armies. Until 6 October 2023, the IFJ's Killed List recorded far fewer fatalities than in previous years. Only twenty journalists had lost their lives by that point, compared with 68 in 2022 and 45 in 2021. But after the deadly Hamas attack in southern Israel on 7 October, followed by the Israeli army's ongoing retaliation in the Gaza Strip, the death toll for 2023 has been unprecedented in such a short period.

On 31 December 2023, the IFJ recorded 129 journalists killed and 427 imprisoned. But all these figures, reported daily by the world's media, are not just statistics for the IFJ. Each death involves parents, and in many cases children. In the 33 years of compiling the Killed List, the only years during which more journalists lost their lives were between 2000 - 2004

(129 deaths), 2006 (155) and 2007 (135). The civil war in Syria between 2011 and 2014 was deadly, but never before have so many fallen in such a short space of time as in the last months of 2023. Unfortunately, the explanation is very simple. After 7 October, the Israeli government launched major military ground and air offensives on this small territory 40 km long and 5 km wide with little concern for the civilian population. All appearances suggest that it has also deliberately targeted journalists. The results have been horrendous, indeed, there may yet be unknown victims of this bombardment.

Despite the IFJ's calls for respect for international humanitarian law and the Global Ethics Charter for Journalists, the war in Gaza is also a sign of a more general political failure. The major powers in the region are unable to ensure respect for the fundamentals of international law. As a result, this conflict will surely damage the legitimacy of the United Nations, and its Security Council in particular, hide-bound as they are by the American veto and the British abstention on all challenges to the Israeli government.

Similarly, despite two submissions by the IFJ to the International Criminal Court (ICC) in 2022 — in April and September — (and with complaints about actions in Gaza in

the pipeline), no complaint has been investigated by the prosecutor in The Hague. Public faith in international justice is at an all time low. The war in Gaza accounts for 72% of 2023's deaths.

With 93 deaths, including 3 in Syria, the Middle East and Arab world is by far the deadliest region in the world.

But this war should not obscure the fact that journalists continue to be murdered, threatened and imprisoned elsewhere in the world.

In Asia-Pacific, a growing number of authoritarian regimes continue to cast a baleful pall over media freedom and basic human rights, while democracy continued to erode on multiple fronts throughout 2023.

While the region recorded 12 murders of media professionals, the region's statistics on murders of journalists are lower than those for 2018 and 2020, when 32 journalists were killed in the region. Those who paid the highest price for their work were either shot dead, as in Pakistan, the Philippines and India, or killed in explosions in Afghanistan or in brutal attacks and beatings in India, China and Bangladesh.

In Latin America and the Caribbean, the number of crimes against journalists has fallen considerably compared to the figures recorded in 2022, but it has not stopped. Eleven journalists were murdered in 2023.

Mexico, which in 2022 was still the most dangerous "peaceful" country in the world for journalists, saw a significant drop in the number of

murders this year. Seven journalists lost their lives in violent circumstances. While the reduction in the number of murders is good news, it is alarming to note that the impunity rate remains one of the highest in the region: 95% of fatal attacks on journalists have not been solved.

In Africa, 2023 was marked by the murder of eight journalists in

**WE WILL NOT FORGET
THE JOURNALISTS WHO
DIE AT WORK.**

seven African countries: Cameroon (2), Rwanda, Lesotho, Sudan, Mali, Somalia and Mozambique. At least four of them were investigative journalists and fierce critics of their governments, desperate to expose corruption and human rights abuses.

In Europe, after a particularly bloody year in 2022 (12 deaths), there were four deaths in 2023: three journalists covering the war between Russia and Ukraine and one in Albania.

Lastly, while the number of journalists in prison is always difficult to quantify precisely, according to our information, on 31 December 2023, there were 393 colleagues behind bars. Once again, this is an extremely high figure, and one that probably understates the real situation, particularly given the number of arrests around the world, sometimes for short and administrative periods.

GENDER COUNCIL STATEMENT

TRIBUTE TO BRAVE WOMEN JOURNALISTS KILLED IN 2023

The dangers faced by journalists in the course of their work around the world have increased significantly over the past year. As well as the ongoing wars, in Ukraine, Yemen, Sudan and elsewhere, the conflict in Gaza has created conditions for journalists that are without precedent. The deaths of 13 women journalists in 2023 is a particular concern to the Gender Council. It is also worth noting that the apparent targeting of Gazan journalists in their homes, has resulted in a shocking death toll among their close family members.

Denying journalists conditions where they can undertake their work without risk to their lives or well being is a direct attack on democracy. No one should be targeted with violence, physical or verbal, simply for doing their jobs. It is also critical that whenever journalists do lose their lives, such crimes are thoroughly investigated and the perpetrators punished.

In Palestine, on 10 October, journalist Salam Meimah of Al Aqsa Radio was killed.

In the same place, on 25 October, Salema Mukhaimar lost her life.

On the 26 October, Duaa Sharaf, a journalist with Al-Aqsa Radio, was killed.

On 20 November Ayat Al-Khaddura,

a digital and TV journalist, died. On the 24 November journalist Amal Zahed was killed.

In 4 December Shaima Jazzar, freelance journalist for network and Hayat newspaper, died.

KILLING THE MESSENGER has to be investigated in many parts of the world.

On 9 December, journalist Ala Atallah died.

On 11 December Narmeen Qawaas, intern at Russia Today, was killed.

The 12 December Duaa Jabbour was killed. And on the 17 December Haneen Ali Al-Qashtan, journalist for Sawt Al Patan Radio lost her life.

In Lebanon, on 21 November, journalist Farah Omar died along with her cameraman Rabih Me'Mari covering the strike in Israel.

In Israel, on 7 October, the deaths of two journalists were recorded at the Supernova music festival in south-west Israel. They were news editor Ayalet Arnin of the Israeli Broadcasting Corporation and journalist Shai Regev of the Ma'ariv newspaper.



128

**Journalists and
media workers
killed in 2023**

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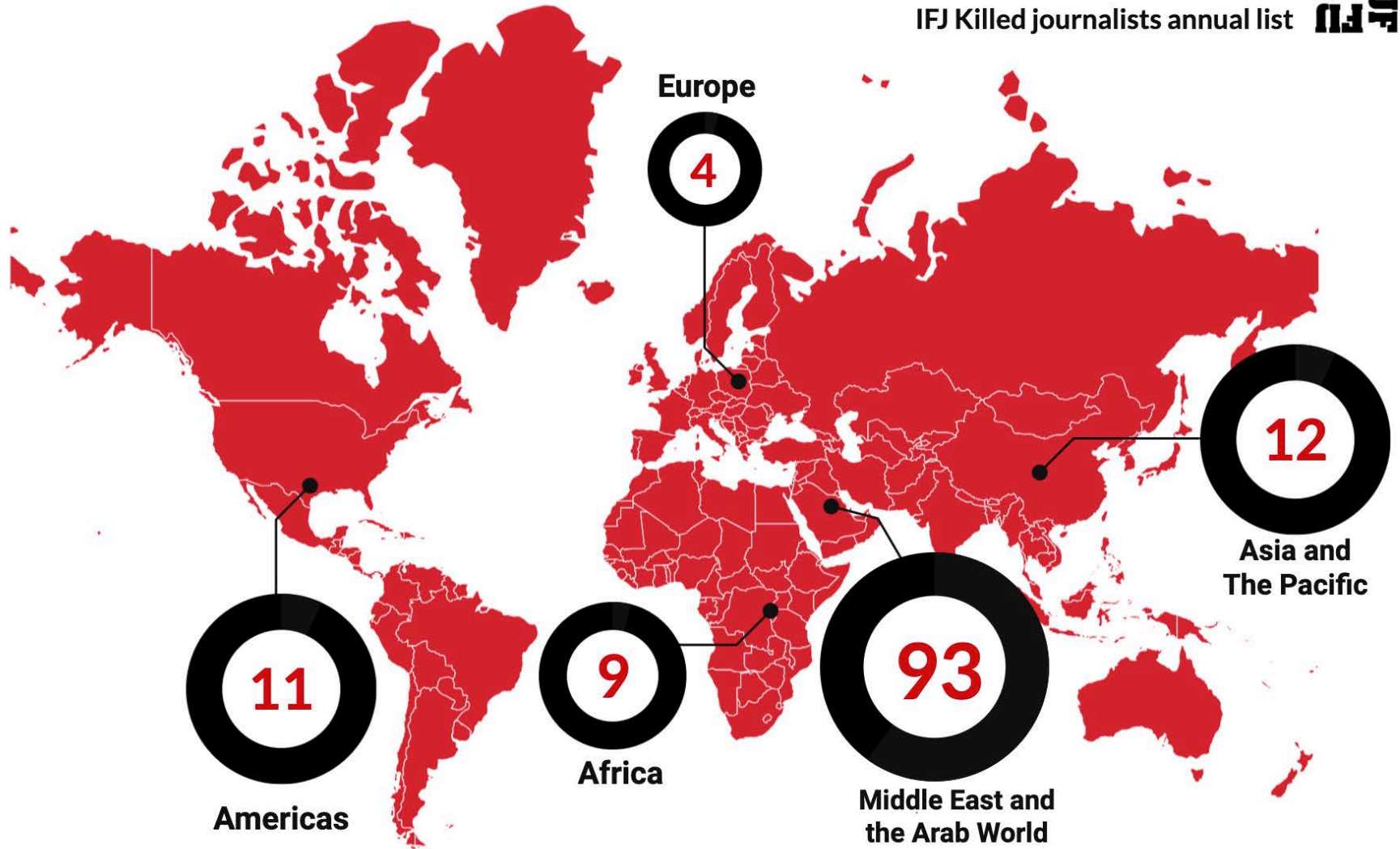
**Accidental
death**

70%

**as a result of the
war in Gaza**

Journalists and media workers killed in 2023

IFJ Killed journalists annual list



IFJ 2023 **KILLED** LIST

& LIST OF ACCIDENTS



JOURNALISTS AND MEDIA STAFF

KILLED IN 2022

| COUNTRY | EMPLOYER | POSITION | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| NAME | | | |
| ALBANIA | | | |
| Pal Kola | Top Channel | Bodyguard | 28/03/2023 |
| AFGHANISTAN | | | |
| HOSSEIN NADERI | Afghan Voice | Journalist | 11/03/2023 |
| AKMAL TABIAN | Afghan Voice | Trainee journalist | 11/03/2023 |
| BANGLADESH | | | |
| GOLAM RABBANI NADIM | Ekattor TV and Daily Manabjamin | Journalist | 15/06/2023 |
| ASHIQUUL ISLAM | Daily Monitor | Journalist | 09/01/2023 |
| CAMEROON | | | |
| ANYE NDE NSOH | | Journalist | 10/05/2023 |
| MARTINEZ ZOGO | Radio Amplitude FM | Managing director | 17/01/2023 |
| CHINA | | | |
| SUN LIN | | Freelance | 17/11/2023 |
| COLOMBIA | | | |
| LUIS GABRIEL PEREIRA | Notiorense | Former journalist and blogger | 09/05/2023 |
| GUATEMALA | | | |
| EDUARDO FERNANDO MENDIZABAL GÁLVEZ | Visor de Villa Canales | Journalist | 20/03/2023 |
| GLEYMER RENAN VILLEDA | Impacto Izaba | Journalist | 21/12/2023 |
| CÉSAR AUGUSTO LEIVA PIMENTEL | Radio La Red | Journalist | 21/12/2023 |
| HONDURAS | | | |
| FRANCISCO RAMÍREZ AMADOR | | Journalist | 21/12/2023 |
| HAITI | | | |
| DUMESKY KERSAINT | | Journalist | 16/04/2023 |
| INDIA | | | |
| SHASHIKANT WARISHE | Mahanagari Times | Journalist | 07/02/2023 |

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|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------|------------|
| ABDUR RAUF ALAMGIR | TN | Journalist | 26/06/2023 |
| VIMAL KUMAR YADAV | Dainik Jagran | Journalist | 18/08/2023 |
| ISRAEL | | | |
| AYELET ARNIN | Israeli Broadcasting Corporation | News Editor | 07/10/2023 |
| SHAI REGEV | Ma'ariv newspaper | Journalist | 07/10/2023 |
| YANIV ZOHAR | Israel HaYom | Photographer | 07/10/2023 |
| ROEE IDAN | Ynet | Photographer | 07/10/2023 |
| LEBANON | | | |
| FARAH OMAR | Al Mayadeen TV | Journalist | 21/11/2023 |
| RABIH ME'MARI | Al Mayadeen TV | Cameraman | 21/11/2023 |
| ISSAM ABDALLAH | Reuters | Journalist | 13/10/2023 |
| LESOTHO | | | |
| RALIKONELO JOKI | Tsénolo FM radio | Journalist | 14/05/2023 |
| MALI | | | |
| ABDOUL AZIZ DJIBRILLA | Naata Radio | Journalist | 7/11/2023 |
| MEXICO | | | |
| GERARDO TORRES RENTERÍA | Retirado - ex corresponsal de Reuters y TV Azteca | Freelance journalist | 11/05/2023 |
| LUIS MARTÍN SÁNCHEZ IÑÍGUEZ | La Jornada | Journalist | 08/07/2023 |
| NELSON MATUS PEÑA | Lo Real de Guerrero | Journalist | 15/07/2023 |
| MOZAMBIQUE | | | |
| JOAO CHAMUSSE | Ponto Por | co- proprietor and editor | 14/12/2023 |
| NIGERIA | | | |
| HILARY NOSA ODIA | Independent Television and Radio | Broadcast Journalist | 24/12/2023 |
| PAKISTAN | | | |
| GHULAM ASGHAR KHAND | Sindhi Daily Sobh | Journalist | 07/08/2023 |
| JAN MOHAMMAD MAHAR | Kawish Television Network | | 13/08/2023 |

| PALESTINE | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|------------|
| IBRAHIM LAFI | Ain Media | Journalist | 07/10/2023 |
| MOHAMMAD AL-SALHI | Fourth Authority | Photojournalist | 07/10/2023 |
| ASAAD SHAMLAKH | Freelance | Journalist | 08/10/2023 |
| MOHAMMED SOBBOH | Khabar news agency | Photojournalist | 10/10/2023 |
| HISHAM AL-NAWAJHAH | Correspondent for news agency in Gaza | Photojournalist | 10/10/2023 |
| SALAM MEIMAH | ♀ Al Quds Radio | Journalist | 10/10/2023 |
| MOHAMMED FAYEZ YOUSEF ABU MATAR | | Freelance photographer | 11/10/2023 |
| AHMED SHEHAB | Voice of Prisoners Radio | program producer | 12/10/2023 |
| HOSSAM MUBARAK | Al Aqsa Radio | Journalist | 13/10/2023 |
| ABDUL HADI HABIB | Al Aqsa TV | Journalist | 16/10/2023 |
| ISAM BAHAR | Al Aqsa TV | Journalist | 17/10/2023 |
| MOHAMMED BALOUSHA | Palestine TV | Journalist | 17/10/2023 |
| SAMIH AL-NADI | Al-Aqsa TV | Producer and director | 18/10/2023 |
| KHALIL ABU ATHRA | Al-Aqsa TV | Cameraman | 19/10/2023 |
| MUHAMMAD ABU ALI | "Al-Shabab" radio | Journalist | 20/10/2023 |
| HANI MADHOUN | Al Aqsa TV | administrative staff | 21/10/2023 |
| ROSHDI SARRAJ | Ain media | Editor in chief and fixer for international media such as Radio France | 22/10/2023 |
| MOHAMMED IMAD LABAD | | | 23/10/2023 |
| SAED AL-HALABI | Al-Aqsa TV | Journalist | 25/10/2023 |
| AHMED ABU MAHADI | Al-Aqsa TV | Journalist | 25/10/2023 |
| SALEMA MUKHAIMAR | ♀ | Journalist | 25/10/2023 |
| JAMAL AL-FAQAWI | | Journalist | 25/10/2023 |
| ZAHER AL AFGHANI | Mithaq Media Network | | 25/10/2023 |
| DUAA SHARAF | ♀ Al Aqsa Radio | Journalist | 26/10/2023 |
| YASER ABU NAMOUS | | ? | 27/10/2023 |
| NAZMI AL-NADIM | Palestine TV | deputy director of finance and administration | 30/10/2023 |
| MAJD KASHKOU | Palestine TV | Media worker | 31/10/2023 |
| IMAD WAHIDI | Palestine TV | Media worker | 31/10/2023 |
| MAJD FADL ARANDAS | News website 'Al-Jamahir' | Journalist | 01/11/2023 |
| MOHAMMED ABU HATAB | Palestine TV | Correspondent | 02/11/2023 |
| MOHAMMED BAYYARI | Al Aqsa TV | Journalist | 2/11/2023 |
| MOHAMMED AL JAJEH | Press House | Journalist | 06/11/2023 |
| MOHAMMAD ABU HASIRA | Wafa News agency | correspondent | 07/11/2023 |
| YAHYA ABU MUNIE | Al-Aqsa Radio | Journalist | 08/11/2023 |
| AHMED AL-QARA | | Photojournalist | 10/11/2023 |
| MOUSA AL BARSH | Namaa Radio | executive director | 12/11/2023 |
| AHMED FATMAH | Al Qahera News | Photographer | 13/11/2023 |
| MAHMOUD MATAR | | Freelance journalist | 15/11/2023 |

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| MOSEAB ASHOUR | | photographer | 18/11/2023 |
| MUSTAFA AL-SAWAF | | writer and journalist | 18/11/2023 |
| AMR ABU HAYYA | Al Aqsa TV | broadcaster | 18/11/2023 |
| ABDELHALIM AWAD | Al Aqsa TV | media worker / driver | 18/11/2023 |
| AYAT AL-KHADDURA | ♀ | digital and broadcaster journalist | 20/11/2023 |
| MOHAMAD NABIL AL-ZAQ | Quds TV | journalist | 22/11/2023 |
| ASSEM AL-BARSH | Al-Ray radio | journalist | 22/11/2023 |
| MUHAMMAD MOIN AYYASH | | photojournalist | 23/11/2023 |
| ABDALLAH DARWISHM | Al Aqsa TV | photojournalist | 01/12/2023 |
| MUNTASER AL-SAWAF | Anadolu Agency | Photographer | 01/12/2023 |
| ADHAM HASSOUNA | | Freelance journalist | 01/12/2023 |
| HASSAN FARAJALLAH | Al Quds | Al Quds TV executive | 03/12/2023 |
| MOHAMMAD JARGHOUN | Smart Media | Journalist | 07/10/2023 |
| SAID AL-TAWIL | Al-Khamisa | Journalist/director | 10/10/2023 |
| SAARY MANSOUR | Quds News Network | director | 18/11/2023 |
| HASSOUNEH ISLEEM | | photographer | 18/11/2023 |
| BILAL JADALLAH | Press house | director general of media development organisation | 19/11/2023 |
| AMAL ZAHED | ♀ | Journalist | 24/11/2023 |
| MUSTAFA BAKIR | Al Aqsa TV | Journalist Cameraman | 24/11/2023 |
| NADER AL NAZLI | Palestine TV | technician | 25/11/2023 |
| JAMAL HANIEH | Amwaj Sport Network | Editor | 21/11/2023 |
| IYAD MATAR | Al Aqsa TV | Administrative staff | 2/11/2023 |
| YOUSEF DAWWAS | | Freelance | 14/10/2023 |
| SAMER ABU DAQQA | Al Jazeera Arabic | Cameraman | 15/12/2023 |
| HANEEN ALI AL-QASHTAN | ♀ Sawt Al Watan Radio | Journalist | 17/12/2023 |
| ABDUL KARIM ODEH | | | 13/12/2023 |
| ALA ATALLAH | ♀ | | 9/12/2023 |
| MOHAMED ABU SAMRA | | | 9/12/2023 |
| ABDALLAH ALWAN | Al Jazeera Net | Journalist | 18/12/2023 |
| AHMAD KHAIR AL DIN | Al Aqsa TV | Media worker | 28/12/2023 |
| MOHAMMAD KHAIR AL DIN | Al Aqsa TV | Media worker | 28/12/2023 |
| HUTHAIFA LULU | prisoners radio | Journalist | 24/12/2023 |
| MOHAMMAD ABDUL KHALEQ AL GHUF | Al Rai news agency | Journalist | 24/12/2023 |
| MOHAMMAD SAIDI | Al Aqsa TV | Journalist | 24/12/2023 |
| AHMAD JAMAL MADHOUN | Al Rai news agency | Journalist | 23/12/2023 |
| MOHAMMAD NASSER ABU HWEIDY | Al Istiqlal | Journalist | 22/12/2023 |
| JABER ABU HEDROUS | Al-Quds | Journalist | 29/12/2023 |
| MOHAMMAD FAYEZ AL HASSANI | Rawasi | Director | 26/10/2023 |
| YACCOUB BURSH | Nama Radio | Director | 14/11/2023 |
| KHAMIS SALEM DEAB | Al Quds | Editor | 20/11/2023 |

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| MARWAN SAWWAF | | Alef Media | Photojournalist | 02/12/2023 |
| SHAIMA JAZZAR | ♀ | Majedat Rafah network and Al Hayat newspaper | Freelance | 04/12/2023 |
| NARMEEN QAW | ♀ | Russia Today | Intern | 11/12/2023 |
| ASSEM KAMAL MOUSSA | | Palestine Now network | Journalist | 16/12/2023 |
| DUAA JABBOUR | ♀ | Eyes Media Network | Freelance | 9/12/2023 |

PARAGUAY

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|-------------------|--|------------------|------------|------------|
| ALEXANDER ÁLVAREZ | | Radio Urunday FM | Journalist | 14/02/2023 |
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PHILIPPINES

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|-----------------------|--|--|--------------|------------|
| JUAN JUMALON | | Gold FM 94.7 | Media worker | 05/11/2023 |
| CRESENCIANO BUNDOQUIN | | CWXR Kalahi Radio 101.7 and MUX Online | | 31/05/2023 |

SOMALIA

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|------------------------|--|-----------------|-------|------------|
| ABDIFATAH MOALLIM NUR- | | Somali Cable TV | Owner | 16/10/2023 |
|------------------------|--|-----------------|-------|------------|

SUDAN

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|---------------|---|-----------------|------------|------------|
| HALEIMA IDRIS | ♀ | Sudan Bukrah TV | Journalist | 10/10/2023 |
|---------------|---|-----------------|------------|------------|

SYRIA

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|----------------------|--|-----------|---------------------|------------|
| FIRAS AL-AHMAD | | Sama TV | Reporter | 09/08/2023 |
| FAISAL HAJ SINAN | | Jin TV | Driver | 23/08/2023 |
| ABDULGHANI ABU SHAAR | | Syrian TV | Assistant Cameraman | 05/10/2023 |

UKRAINE

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|---------------------|--|---------------|------------|------------|
| ROSTISLAV ZHURAVLEV | | RIA Novosti | Journalist | 22/07/2023 |
| ARMAN SOLDIN | | AFP | Journalist | 09/05/2023 |
| BOHDAN BITIK | | La Repubblica | Fixer | 22/04/2023 |

UNITED-STATES

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|-------------|--|---------------------|------------|------------|
| DYLAN LYONS | | Spectrum News 13 TV | Journalist | 23/02/2023 |
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ACCIDENTAL DEATHS

RWANDA

| | | | | |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| JOHN WILLIAM NTWALI | | Irene News.net and Pax TV | founder and editor - in -chief | 18/01/2023 |
|---------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|





REGIONS IN REVIEW



AFRICA

The killing of journalists with impunity in Africa continues to reign supreme despite the persistent calls of media organisations across the continent for the persecution of the killers of journalists and the guarantee of the safety and security of journalists in the execution of their noble duties. The Year 2023 witnessed the killing of nine journalists in eight different countries in Africa, namely in Cameroon (2)

Rwanda, Lesotho, Sudan, Mali, Somalia, Nigeria and Mozambique. The nature of their killings suggested that they were specifically targeted for murder in order to silence them. At least four of the journalists killed in Africa in 2023 namely Martinez Zogo of Cameroon, John Williams Ntwali of Rwanda, Ralikonelo Joki of Lesotho and Joao Chamusse of Mozambique, were investigative journalists and fierce critics of their governments who wanted to expose corruption and human rights abuses at all cost.

In Africa, investigative journalists who expose corruption and gross human rights abuses are often the targets of their regimes or people that are very close to the ruling government. One fact that remains very worrying in the continent is the consistent failure of Africa governments to arrest and prosecute the perpetrators of these heinous crimes that are committed against their citizens.

In the case of Martinez Zogo in Cameroon, an initial arrest and detention of two prime suspects, 'a

business tycoon and a counter intelligence chief, brought a lot of hope after President Paul Biya called for an investigation on 2 February. However as has happened in so many countries across the continent, the suspects were later released from detention for what the court deemed to be 'lack of sufficient evidence for their continued detention'.

THE NATURE OF THEIR KILLINGS SUGGESTED THAT THEY WERE SPECIFICALLY TARGETED FOR MURDER IN ORDER TO SILENCE THEM

In Rwanda, a driver suspected to have been involved in the road accident in which journalists John Williams Ntwali died, was convicted on 31 January 2023. No independent journalists were allowed to report the trial, however media organisations across the continent believe that the trial of the 'suspected driver' was a cover up and a travesty of justice. As has happened in the murder of John Cardoso in Angola in the real murderers of John Williams Ntwali have never been tried.

With regards to the other seven journalists who were killed, no suspect(s) have been arrested and investigations into their killings appear to have stalled. Once again the perpetrators of these killings are at large. The ultimate question on our minds is; for how long will the killers of journalists continue to escape justice in Africa?

The persistent unwillingness of African governments to arrest and prosecute the killers of journalists is a huge hindrance to freedom of expression and freedom of the media

in particular which has a huge effect on quality journalism in the continent.

African governments must turn a new page and demonstrate their willingness to conduct independent investigations into the killing of journalists and do everything possible to prosecute the killers of journalists. Independent journalism is a critical pillar in the fight against corruption and gross human rights abuses in the continent. Without independent journalism corruption will never be defeated.

Those who wilfully kill journalists to silence them are criminals and must be arrested and tried in a competent

court of law in the interest of democracy, human rights, good governance and the rule of law.

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AFRICA

CAMEROON

Martinez Zogo

23 JANUARY

The managing director of privately-owned radio station Amplitude FM, Martinez Zogo was the host of popular daily programme. He was abducted on 17 January by unknown assailants and his mutilated body found dead five days later in Ebogo, 15 kilometers from the capital Yaounde.



The media reported that the well-known journalist had been discussing on his programmes an embezzlement case "involving a media outlet with government connections". Zogo was described as a vocal critic of Cameroon's powerful elite and a fearless journalist, who would not hesitate to condemn corruption, even calling out names on his programmes.

In a statement published on 22 January 2023, the IFJ-affiliated Syndicat National des Journalistes du Cameroun (SNJC) said Zogo was "a victim of hatred and barbarism". The union considered Zogo's killing, a crime representing a threat to freedom of the press in the country.

Anye Nde Nsoh

10 MAY

Journalist Anye Nde Nsoh was shot dead by unknown gunmen on 7 May, at around 9 pm at a leisure spot in Bamenda, north-west Cameroon.



On 8 May, a leader of the Ambazonia Defense Council separatist faction, Capo Daniel, said in a video statement on X, formerly known as Twitter, that Nsoh had been mistakenly killed by one of the group's fighters.

LESOTHO

Ralikonelo Joki

17 MAY

Investigative journalist and radio presenter Ralikonelo Joki was shot multiple times by several assailants on 14 May at around 10 pm at the gate of the privately owned radio station Tsénolo FM in the capital, Maseru.

Joki was known for his reporting on corruption and organised crime. The journalist was ambushed and killed, when he was driving out of the radio station premises shortly after presenting his current affairs show, Hlokoana La Tsela ('I heard it through the Grapevine').

MALI

Abdoul Aziz Djibrilla

07 NOVEMBER

Journalist Abdoul Aziz Djibrilla, who worked for one of the oldest community radio stations in the region, Radio Naata, was shot dead by unidentified gunmen on 7 November on the Gao – Assongo road in northern Mali. The journalist was travelling with other colleagues when their vehicle was stopped. Journalists Saleck Ag Jiddou and Moustapha Kone were kidnapped by the armed gang and a third journalist, Harouna Attino, was wounded.

MOZAMBIQUE

Joao Chamusse

14 DECEMBER

The co-owner and editor of privately owned online newspaper, Ponto Por Ponto was found dead by his neighbours on 14 December near his home in the province of Maputo. According to local reports, Chamusse's neighbours heard him scream for help during the night. The journalist had a wound to his head and a machete and a gardening hoe were found at the scene. Chamusse was known for his criticism of poor governance and corruption under the current administration led by political party Frelimo.

NIGERIA

Hilary Nosa Odia

24 DECEMBER

On 24 December, Hilary Nosa Odia, a broadcast journalist working for the Independent Television and Radio (ITV) was shot and killed by suspected assailants around 2nd East Circular, in Benin City, the capital of Edo State.

RWANDA (ACCIDENTAL KILLING)

John Williams Ntwali

18 JANUARY

Journalist John Williams Ntwali, founder and editor-in-chief of Irene News.net and Pax TV Youtube channel which publishes investigative news stories, died in the early hours of 18 January in a road accident in the capital Kigali, according to police sources.

Williams Ntwali was an independent investigative journalist and a well-known critic of the Rwandan government, working on issues involving justice and human rights in the country.

The IFJ and its affiliate the Rwanda Journalists' Association (RJA) called on the government of Rwanda to launch an independent investigation into the circumstances surrounding his death.

SOMALIA

Abdifatah Moallim Nur

16 OCTOBER



Journalist and director of the privately owned Somali Cable TV, Abdifatah Moallim Nur, was killed in a suicide bomb attack at Blue Sky restaurant in the capital, Mogadishu on 16 October. According to a statement by the IFJ-affiliated National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ), the bomb attack took place at a well-known gathering place for journalists.

SUDAN

Haleima Idris

10 OCTOBER

Journalist Haleima Idris, who worked at Sudan Bukrah TV, was run over by a military vehicle belonging to the Rapid Forces army on 10 October in UmDruman/Khartoum.

AMERICAS

In Latin America and the Caribbean, the number of crimes against journalists has decreased considerably compared to the numbers recorded in 2022, but it has not stopped. Eleven journalists have been murdered in 2023, and while it is not yet possible to say that all cases are directly linked to journalistic work, it is a line of investigation that cannot yet be ruled out.

Mexico, which in 2022 was the world's most dangerous country without war for journalists, saw a significant drop in the number of murders this year. Seven journalists lost their lives in violent circumstances, but only three of those cases remain under investigation without ruling out journalistic work as a possible motive: Gerardo Torres Rentería, Luis Martín Sánchez Iñiguez and Nelson Matus Peña. While the decrease in the number of cases is good news, it is alarming that the crimes continue to happen and the impunity rate remains one of the highest in the region: 95% of fatal attacks against journalists remain unsolved.

In Colombia there was a marked increase in threats to journalists in regions such as Córdoba, where independent journalist Luis Gabriel Pereira was murdered. It was also there where Rafael Emiro Moreno was killed in 2022. Attacks and threats, mostly from organised crime,

have led to news deserts, as press workers resort to self-censorship and the voluntary closure of media outlets and broadcasts. The precarious, often voluntary, working conditions of community journalists increase the risk to which they are exposed.

In Guatemala, three journalists were murdered in very similar circumstances: Eduardo Fernando Mendizabal Gálvez in March, and Gleymer Renan Villeda and César Augusto Leiva Pimentel in December. All were attacked by gunmen while driving their vehicles. So far, there has been no progress in the investigation of any of the cases, but it cannot be ruled out that they were killed for

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their journalistic work. These figures speak of a notorious deterioration in the conditions in which journalists carry out their work, which was already evident in the growing criminalisation of journalistic work. This year, judicial persecution was the most used tools to

impede the work of the media: after a trial riddled with irregularities, José Rubén Zamora, director and owner of the Guatemalan newspaper El Periódico, was sentenced to prison. The same prosecutor in charge of this case, Consuelo Porras, ordered the investigation of eight journalists from the same newspaper for the articles they wrote in relation to the

trial against Zamora. After this, El Periódico couldn't keep operating and was closed. This comes in a year of upheaval in the Central American country: Porras is also responsible for attempts to annul the electoral process in which a new president was elected, a situation that has also been denounced by journalists' organisations.

Following the social conflicts resulting from the political crisis in Peru, in which there were numerous attacks on the press, the government tried to pass bills criminalising journalistic work with increased penalties and sanctions, but they failed to advance thanks to the struggle of the country's journalists' organisations.

Pedro Juan Caballero, the most dangerous place in Paraguay for journalists, this year was the scene of a new crime against a journalist: Alexander Álvarez. Although there has been no significant progress in the investigation to confirm the motive for the crime, given the background of the region, it cannot be ruled out that journalistic work is the motive behind the journalist's murder.

Honduras is also on the list following the murder of journalist Francisco Ramírez Amador, who was under the National Protection Mechanism for Human Rights Defenders, Journalists, Social Communicators and Justice Operators after suffering an attempt on his life in May 2023 and was awaiting asylum in another country. At the time of the attack, Ramírez Amador was accompanied by an agent in charge of his custody who was also injured.

In Haiti, structural violence resulting from the deep political, humanitarian, social and economic crisis again impacted on the work of journalists. The criminal gangs that now dominate much of the territory were responsible for the kidnapping of media workers and the murder of Dumesky Kersaint. In many cases, these crimes are not directly related to news reporting, but the exposure to violence suffered by journalists in Haiti has a direct impact on their ability to report.

This year was a complex one for Ecuador: in the midst of a tense electoral climate, intimidation of journalists increased and some chose exile as a measure to protect their lives. The murder of Fernando Villavicencio, a presidential candidate who had previously worked as a journalist, highlighted the exponential growth of armed groups linked to drug trafficking and the territorial domination they have achieved in recent times.

Despite the decrease in murders, threats, the criminalisation of journalistic work and the low rate at which cases are solved are determining factors for the continuation of violence in the region. According to a UNESCO study that analyses the period 2006 - 2021, 78% of the murders of journalists in Latin America and the Caribbean go unpunished. These figures show the precarious security situation suffered at the continental level and the need for international protection instruments that force governments to be accountable and take responsibility.



Americas

COLOMBIA

Luis Gabriel Pereira

09 MAY

Journalist Luis Gabriel Pereira, 25, was killed on Tuesday 9 May by two people who intercepted him on a motorbike on a road in Ciénaga del Oro, Córdoba, and shot him at point-blank range. The perpetrators have not yet been found and the authorities are offering a reward for accurate information on the identity of these people.

Pereira ran a local news page on Facebook called Notiorense, where he had recently published the name of the alleged perpetrator of a femicide.

GUATEMALA

Eduardo Fernando Mendizabal Gálvez

20 MARCH

Eduardo Fernando Mendizabal Gálvez was attacked on 18 March while driving his vehicle in the municipality of Villa Canales, on the outskirts of Guatemala City. According to the Public Prosecutor's Office, which is investigating the case, he was shot multiple times and was taken to a local hospital but did not survive. At the moment, no hypothesis has been ruled out as to the motives for the crime.

Gleymer Renan Villeda and César Augusto Leiva Pimentel

21 DECEMBER

On 21 December, journalist Gleymer Renan Villeda, of the portal "Impacto Izaba", was shot while driving a vehicle in the town of Izabal. On the same day, hours earlier, two men on a motorbike ambushed César Augusto Leiva Pimentel as he was on his way to work at Radio La Red and killed him with firearms.

HAITI

Dumesky Kersaint

16 APRIL

On 16 April, Radio Télé Inurep journalist Dumesky Kersaint was shot dead in Carrefour, a largely residential area in the Port-au-Prince. Kersaint was shot dead while reporting on an assassination in the Carrefour's neighbourhood. The assailants reportedly asked him to delete photos of the crime. The journalist refused. The assailants opened fire in response to his refusal. The journalist died before he could be taken to hospital.



HONDURAS

Francisco Ramírez Amador

21 DECEMBER

Social communicator Francisco Ramírez Amador was killed by three bullet wounds on Thursday 21 December, despite having been in police custody since May of this year, after surviving an attempt on his life. According to official sources, Ramírez was awaiting confirmation of political asylum to leave the country and was under the National Mechanism for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders, Journalists, Social Communicators and Justice Operators. The police officer in charge of his custody was also injured in the attack.



MEXICO

Gerardo Torres Rentería

11 MAY

Journalist Gerardo Torres Rentería, 59, was murdered on the night of 11 May by an armed group who broke into his house in the Icacos district of the port of Acapulco, Guerrero. They shot him several times until he died. To date, it is not known whether the journalist had previously been the target of threats, nor is it known what motivated this crime.

Torres Rentería had been a reporter and cameraman for Telemundo, and a correspondent for TV Azteca and Reuters. Although he had officially retired, some Mexican websites indicate that he continued to work as a reporter for local media. This information has not yet been confirmed, as the authorities have not given any further details about what happened.



Luis Martín Sánchez Iñíguez

08 JULY

On 8 July, after three days missing, the body of Luis Martín Sánchez Iñíguez, correspondent for the newspaper 'La Jornada', was found in Tepic, in the state of Nayarit, where he had last been seen. Traces of violence and a message found next to the remains would confirm that it was a murder following his alleged abduction.

His computer, an external hard drive and his credentials as a correspondent for the newspaper La Jornada were missing from his home.

According to the authorities, the journalist's body was found with signs of violence in a bag along with a message that has not yet been revealed to the media, which would confirm that it was a murder related to his journalistic work.



Nelson Matus

15 JULY

On the afternoon of 15 July, journalist Nelson Matus Peña was walking to his car in the car park of a shop in the Zapata neighbourhood when he was approached by people who opened fire on him. Although emergency services arrived at the scene, the journalist did not survive his injuries and died.

Nelson Matus was a red-note journalist and director of the police news media Lo Real de Guerrero. This website stands out for its coverage of the violence in Acapulco and became a reference portal on insecurity issues, given that it had reports on almost all the crimes occurring in the area.



PARAGUAY

Alexander Álvarez

15 FEBRUARY

The 39-year-old journalist, who worked for Radio Urunday FM, was shot by people on a motorbike as he was driving his vehicle through the streets of the department of Amambay, in the city of Pedro Juan Caballero.

In a statement, the Union of Journalists of Paraguay said that Álvarez was the ninth press worker to be murdered in the Department of Amambay and described him as a person very much loved by colleagues in the area.



UNITED STATES

Dylan Lyons

23 FEBRUARY

The reporter for Spectrum News 13 TV was shot dead in Central Florida while reporting on a shooting incident. The attacker also shot and injured his colleague photographer Jesse Walden.

According to reports, Lyons and a photographer from the Orlando-based Spectrum News 13 were sent to cover the shooting in which a 20-year-old woman had been killed earlier during the day in Pine Hills.

The authorities say that the shooter came back to the crime scene and opened fire on people present, killing Dylan and seriously injured Walden. They were shot "in or near" their vehicles, according to local authorities.

The motive behind the shooting has yet to be determined but the 19-year-old shooter has been arrested and taken into custody.



ASIA PACIFIC

The tightening grip of authoritarianism in the Asia Pacific region continues to cast a malevolent pall over media freedom and fundamental human rights, as democracy continued to be eroded on multiple fronts throughout 2023.

While the region witnessed 12 media worker killings in the period in review – positioning it as the second deadliest globally – it is with some small sense of relief that the region's statistics on journalist killings improved. To note, this is from the grim tallies from 2018 and 2020, when the region hit 32 journalist killings in each of these years – on average one every 11 days.

But the offensive against media in the Asia Pacific region continues to revert to other means to silence and intimidate, with governments and regimes increasing controls, arrests, detentions and legal harassment. Those who paid the price of life for their journalism work were more frequently killed by shootings in places like Pakistan, the Philippines and India, while others lost their lives in explosions in Afghanistan and brutal attacks and bashings in both India, China and Bangladesh.

In one heinous attack in Bangladesh on 9 January, Ashiqul Islam – a district correspondent for the Daily Monitor and Brahmanbaria Patrika – was hacked to death by a group of assailants with a knife as he returned home from work. The motive for this crime was unclear. But what is clear is that media freedom remains one of the greatest casualties under the enduring rule of Bangladeshi Prime

Minister Sheikh Hasina who took a fourth consecutive term in January 2024. A second Journalist Golam Rabbani Nadim was murdered in the country in June, with an Awami League politician later arrested in relation to the murder.

In Afghanistan, the Taliban's consolidation of power continued to decimate the country's media sector and has largely succeeded in wiping women from the industry via threats and repressive media regulations. While journalist killings declined, three deaths were recorded in the period. Among them; Afghan Voice News Agency reporter Hossein Naderi and media intern Akmal Nazari, who were both killed by an explosive device set by the Islamic State (IS) in March in northern Balkh province during an event honouring National Journalists Day. Another 16 journalists were wounded in the same attack.

Despite assurances and promises during his election campaign, freedom of expression in the Philippines was still in the firing line under President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Romualdez Marcos with three journalists murdered in 2023. Broadcaster Juan Jumalon was fatally shot while broadcasting from his home in Mindanao on 5 November, while Mindoro journalist Cresenciano 'Cris' Bundoquin was shot and killed outside his home on 31 May. Bundoquin was known for his hard-hitting coverage of environmental issues, politics and illegal gambling in the region.

In India, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) marked ten years under Prime

Minister Narendra Modi, with three media worker killings and further media onslaughts including raids on the offices of the British Broadcasting Corporation and NewsClick, the detentions of 13 journalists, dozens of internet shutdowns and blockages nationwide and further legislative proposals for state surveillance, censorship and penalisation of those conducting the work of journalism. Just hours after publishing a story about a local land broker's links to senior politicians, including Narendra Modi and Maharashtra's state leadership, journalist Shashikant Warishe was targeted in hit and run. He subsequently died of his injuries. Remarkably, the land broker in question was arrested and formally charged for the killing.

After Pakistani journalists Ghulam Asghar Khand and Jan Mohammad Mahar were both shot and killed in separate incidents Sindh province in August, Pakistan's media community retaliated with a campaign to pressure state officials to more adequately investigate the cases. As of December 2023, at least eight suspects had been arrested in relation to the murders, yet the motives remained unclear. So too, investigations also remain stalled in the case of the Pakistani news anchor Afshad Sharif, who was murdered while on assignment in Kenya in 2022. Despite significant inquiries, many questions remain about ultimate responsibility for the shooting of such a high-profile journalist.

Finally, and with enduring concern, the region witnessed a further escalation in incarcerations with at least 185 journalists confirmed as jailed at

year's end. China again topped the region's list as the most brutal and prolific jailer of media workers, with at least 71 known cases in mainland China, followed by 55 journalists jailed in Myanmar, 18 in Vietnam, 13 in India and 10 in Hong Kong.

In September, Rakhine journalist Sai Zaw Thaike was sentenced to over 20 years in jail for his critical coverage of Cyclone Mocha in Myanmar, the longest sentence for any journalist in the country. His trial, like many others in Myanmar, was conducted behind closed doors, with no legal representation, and was over in just one day. Then in November, Chinese journalist Sun Lin died hours after police raided his home in Nanjing province. The few reports available indicate that Lin, who had been under detention for his reporting for over 10 years, suffered significant injuries to his head and his clothes were torn during an apparent forcible entry. Elsewhere, journalists also remained in jail in Bangladesh, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines and Sri Lanka.

While the Asia-Pacific's deathly record falls far behind the current atrocities in Gaza with its growing, heinous death toll, it was heartening to witness journalists and their unions across our region standing in solidarity with the tragedy befalling our Palestinian colleagues. Together, they continue to report, call out and condemn the targeting of media workers and raise funds where possible. For that tragedy is our industry's collective story.

For all those lost, it is our duty and our imperative to fight for their justice.

**AUTHORITARIANISM FUELS
BRUTAL REPRESSION**

Asia-Pacific

AFGHANISTAN

Hossein Naderi and Akmal Tabian

11 MARCH



Journalist Hossein Naderi and media trainee and journalism student Akmal Tabian were killed in the bomb attack at a press award ceremony for media workers in northern Afghanistan. The Islamic State (IS) militant group claimed responsibility for the terror attack.

The explosion occurred at an event honouring journalists working in the north of Afghanistan at the Tabyan Cultural Centre, which is also the office of the news outlet Afghan Voice, located in Mazar-e-Sharif, Balkh province, where media workers, local authorities, and religious figures gathered to celebrate Afghanistan's National Journalists Day.

The Afghan Independent Journalists Union (AIJU) said that this attack was an attack on freedom of speech and the Afghan people and it called for local authorities to follow this case seriously and identify its perpetrators.



BANGLADESH

Ashiquil Islam

09 JANUARY

On 9 January, Ashiquil Islam, district correspondent of the Daily Monitor and a reporter for local daily Brahmanbaria Patrika, was hacked to death in a knife-attack while he was returning home in an auto-rickshaw. According to media reports, a group of assailants attacked 27-year-old Islam with a knife near Faruki Park in Brahmanbaria, Chattogram. All the assailants fled the scene immediately after leaving Islam seriously injured.

Golam Rabbani Nadim

15 JUNE

Golam Rabbani Nadim, a Bakshiganj correspondent, died from his injuries on 15 June after being attacked by a group of assailants while returning home from work on June 14 in Jamalpur. A group of approximately 12 people attacked him in the Bakshiganj upazila, or sub-district, in Jamalpur city in the northwest of Bangladesh. The assailants beat the journalist until he was unconscious before fleeing the scene.



Nadim was the Bakshiganj correspondent for Ekattor TV and Daily Manabjamin, as well as the Jamalpur correspondent for Banglanews24.com.

The journalist's son, Abdullah Al Mamun, believes the attack may be in relation to his father's reporting and Facebook posts regarding a local political leader.

CHINA

Sun Lin

17 NOVEMBER



In the early afternoon of 17 November, several national security officers forcibly entered the Nanjing home of citizen journalist Sun Lin, with neighbours reportedly hearing an altercation between the journalist and police. The journalist, known to report under the pen name 'Jie Mu', was transferred to the Integrated Traditional Chinese and Western Medicine Hospital where he died later that day.

INDIA

Shashikant Warishe

07 FEBRUARY

Maharashtra-based journalist, Shashikant Warishe, was killed by a local realty broker/estate agent, hours after releasing a report alleging the broker had engaged in illegal land grabbing and was connected to senior Indian politicians.



On 6 February, broker Pandharinath Amberkar allegedly drove his vehicle into Warishe on the Rajapur highway in the Konkan Region of Maharashtra. The journalist was struck down by the vehicle, which Amberkar was seen to be driving, while near a petrol pump and was dragged under the vehicle for several metres, sustaining fatal injuries. The journalist was taken to the Civil Hospital in Ratnagiri, and then to the City Hospital, but despite medical efforts, Warishe died on the morning of 7 February.

The journalist had previously published a series of reports in the local Mahanagari Times, highlighting local opposition to the controversial establishment of the Ranagri Refinery & Petrochemicals LTD in Barsu. His most recent article, which was published just five hours before the fatal incident, accused Amberkar of being a 'criminal' and revealed the relationship between the land broker and senior politicians, including Narendra Modi and Maharashtra state leadership.

PAKISTAN

Jan Mohammad Mahar

13 AUGUST

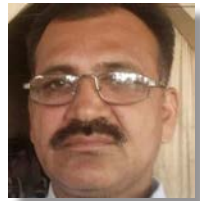
Senior journalist Jan Mohammad Mahar died after sustaining multiple shots fired from close range in a targeted attack in Sukkur, Sindh Province, on 13 August. According to reports, the senior journalist and Kawish Television Network (KTN) Sukkur bureau chief was shot several times after leaving the broadcaster's offices. A colleague said Mahar was inside his vehicle at the time he was fired upon by unidentified assailants who were riding on a motorbike. Mahar was initially taken to Civil Hospital before being transferred to a private medical facility where he died from his injuries.



Ghulam Asghar Khand

07 AUGUST

On 7 August, journalist Ghulam Asghar Khand was shot dead by unknown individuals while travelling from a press club to his residence in Khairpur. Khand, associated with the Sindh Daily Sobh, was reportedly attacked and killed near the northern Sindh city of Khairpur. Unknown men riding motorcycles approached the journalist while he was at his guest house in the locality of Ahmadpur, before firing at him. The journalist received at least nine gunshot wounds during the attack. Khand was taken to Pir Jo Goth Taluka Hospital. The journalist died before receiving medical care.



Abdur Rauf Alamgir

26 JUNE

On 26 June, the body of journalist Abdur Rauf Alamgir was found floating in the Kulsi River in the Boko District in the state of Assam, after reports emerged of his alleged abduction two days prior. Alamgir, who worked at the online news portal TNL, went missing on 24 June, reportedly abducted near his residence in Jambari, around 60 kilometres from the Assam state capital Guwahati.



Vimal Kumar Yadav

18 AUGUST

On 18 August, journalist Vimal Kumar Yadav was fatally shot in the chest outside his house in Bihar state in Eastern India. A reporter with local daily newspaper Dainik Jagran, 35-year-old Yadav was shot at approximately 5.30 am after answering a knock at the door of his home located in the Raniganj market area of Araria district. The police arrested four suspects in connection with the murder.



PHILIPPINES

Cresenciano Bundoquin

31 MAY

Radio broadcaster Cresenciano 'Cris' Bundoquin, working for CWXR Kalahi Radio 101.7 and MUX Online, was shot to death outside his home in Calapan City by unknown gunmen in the early morning of 31 May. According to regional police, two unidentified men approached the journalist on a motorcycle at around 4:20 am, with one assailant shooting the journalist in the chest.

Bundoquin was known for hard-hitting coverage of local issues, including environmental concerns, political developments, and illegal gambling. He had reportedly received several threats before his death. Police have not yet identified whether the incident was related to his journalistic work.



Juan Jumalon

05 NOVEMBER

On the morning of 5 November, Juan Jumalon, also known as DJ Johnny Walker, was shot dead while broadcasting his program on Gold FM 94.7 from his home studio in Calamba in the Misamis Occidental province of Northern Mindanao. Initial investigations by Calamba police found the gunman pretended to be a listener and asked permission to enter the radio station's premises to announce "something important".

Jumalon was shot twice in the head during the broadcast, which was also being streamed live on Facebook. A video of the attack shows the gunman snatching Jumalon's gold necklace before fleeing with a companion. The journalist was rushed to the hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.



EUROPE



In 2023, the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ) recorded the killing of four media workers, including three journalists covering the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine. The year was less deadly than 2022, when 13 journalists died, including 12 in Ukraine.

Ukrainian journalist Bohdan Bitik was shot dead on the outskirts of Kherson, southern Ukraine, on 26 April. His Italian colleague, Corrado Zunino, was wounded in the shoulder. The attack was carried out most likely by Russian snipers.

On 9 May, near Chasiv Yar, Donetsk region, in Ukraine, Arman Soldin, a journalist with the French news agency Agence France-Presse (AFP), was killed in a rocket attack while working with four AFP journalists. The French National Anti-Terrorism Prosecutor's Office opened an investigation into war crimes to determine the circumstances of Soldin's death.

On 22 July, RIA journalist Rostislav Zhuravlev was reportedly killed and three other journalists were injured during a Ukrainian attack in the Zaporizhzhia occupied region of Ukraine.

The EFJ also documented the killing of security guard Pal Kola in a firearm attack on the Albanian TV Top Channel office building in Tirana, Albania, on 27 March.

While the number of journalists killed

has fallen sharply compared to last year, the number of cases of impunity for murder continues to rise in Europe. The EFJ currently counts 48 unpunished crimes in 13 countries: 16 in Kosovo, 7 in Russia, 6 in Ukraine, 6 in Turkey, 3 in Serbia, 2 in Greece, 2 in Azerbaijan, 1 in Slovakia, 1 in Malta, 1 in the United Kingdom, 1 in Cyprus, 1 in Montenegro and 1 in Belarus.

To mark the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists, on 2 November, 2023, six cases of impunity were added to the European impunity list:

- Aleh Byabenin (Belarus), founder of the Minsk-based pro-opposition news website Charter 97, who was found hanged in his summer house outside Minsk (Belarus), on 3 September 2010. Authorities claimed

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the journalist had committed suicide. Eyewitnesses who went to the scene of the incident reported several inconsistencies, claimed that there were traces of violence on his body, and that it

appeared the police had conducted only a cursory investigation at the scene.

- Slavko Curuvija (Serbia), owner of the Dnevni Telegraph and the magazine Evropljanin, who was killed by two gunmen who fired several bullets into his back and head outside his home in Belgrade, on 11 April 1999. There is still no final verdict, 24 years after the assassination.

- Sokratis Giolias (Greece), director of



the news broadcaster Thema Radio and contributor to the news website Troktiko, who was shot on 19 July 2010 by unidentified men in police uniforms. The killers lured Giolias out

Twenty two years after the killing, no one has been prosecuted and convicted and those responsible continue to evade justice.

THE EFJ, TOGETHER WITH THE IFJ, WILL HOLD POLITICAL DECISION-MAKERS TO ACCOUNT FOR THIS CULPABLE AND CRIMINAL INACTION.

of his apartment in Athens, early in the morning, claiming his car was being stolen, and shot him several times. Over a decade later, Giolias' murder remains unsolved, and perpetrators and masterminds have not been brought to justice.

- Giorgos Karaivaz (Greece), was an experienced reporter who worked for the TV channel STAR and ran a news website focusing on crime and policing. On 9 April 2021, he was gunned down outside his home in broad daylight by two men on a scooter. The Greek authorities promised to prioritise the case. Despite the arrest of two suspects in April 2023, those responsible have not yet stood trial, there have been no convictions, and no additional progress has been made since, including in identifying possible middlemen or masterminds behind this killing.

- Milan Pantić (Serbia), a correspondent at the daily newspaper Vecernje Novosti, was killed by unknown assailants after being struck on the head with a blunt object outside his home in the city of Jagodina in central Serbia, on 11 June 2001.

- Yuri Shchekochikhin (Russia), then deputy editor of the independent Moscow twice-weekly Novaya Gazeta, died 12 days after being hospitalized in a Moscow clinic with what doctors said was an acute allergic reaction. He died suddenly on 3 July 2003 a few days before

his scheduled departure to the United States, where he planned to meet with FBI investigators. His medical documents were either lost or destroyed by authorities. The EFJ believes the journalist was poisoned to prevent him from further uncovering the truth about a high-level corruption case involving officials from the Federal Security Services (FSB) and the Prosecutor General's Office.

Almost eight years after the adoption of the Council of Europe's Recommendation on the Protection of Journalists and the Safety of Journalists, the 46 member states have been slow to put in place a comprehensive legislative framework able to prevent impunity and to afford journalists a broad and effective scope of protection. The EFJ reminds the member states of the Council of Europe of their commitment to establish special judicial or non-judicial inquiries into specific cases or independent specialised bodies to conduct such inquiries on an ongoing basis. The EFJ, together with the IFJ, will hold political decision-makers to account for this culpable and criminal inaction.

Europe

ALBANIA

Pal Kola

28 MARCH

Pal Kola, a 60-year-old bodyguard, was shot dead on 27 March after unidentified gunmen opened fire on the Top Channel station's premises, the country's largest television broadcaster, in the capital of Tirana.

Pal Kola was in a booth outside the building when he was hit and killed by a shooter driving an SUV in front of the television's building. However, the motive has yet to be determined. Top Channel released a statement, calling it a "terrorist attack".

UKRAINE

Bohdan Bitik

27 APRIL

Bohdan Bitik, a Ukrainian fixer for Corrado Zunino, a journalist from the Italian newspaper La Repubblica, was shot dead in the city of Kherson, Ukraine, on 26 April. The Italian journalist he worked with, Corrado Zunino, was also injured during the shooting.

The two journalists working for the Italian newspaper La Repubblica came under fire while reporting near the Antonivskiy Bridge on the outskirts of Kherson, in southern Ukraine.

Arman Soldin

10 MAY

Journalist Arman Soldin was killed on 9 May in the afternoon in a shelling attack near Chasiv Yar in eastern Ukraine. The 32-year-old was working for the news agency Agence France Presse (AFP).

Four AFP colleagues and a group of Ukrainian military personnel survived the attack uninjured.

Rostislav Zhuravlev

22 JULY

Rostislav Zhuravlev, a war correspondent working for the Russian state agency RIA Novosti, was hit in a Ukrainian strike in the southern Zaporizhzhia region, the Russian military announced on 22 July. Rostislav Zhuravlev died from his wounds during his evacuation to medical facilities, the military said.

RIA also reported his death, saying he was killed near the frontline village of Pytikhatki.



MIDDLE EAST AND ARAB WORLD



The scale of violence and tragic loss of Palestinian journalists at the hands of the Israeli army is unprecedented. At least 75 journalists and media workers were killed in Gaza in less than three months. At the time of writing – January 2024 – the number of Palestinian journalists killed stands at 92. We are still investigating several further cases that have been reported to the IFJ.

The IFJ, the global journalists' community, trade unions, journalists' support groups and intergovernmental organisations have all expressed horror at the treatment meted out to journalists by the Israeli army, as well as the destruction of the physical media infrastructure in Gaza. In some cases, bombings have wiped out journalists, their offices, and their entire families. The IFJ has published testimonies from journalists as well as news and reports documenting different aspects of these atrocities.

Waiting for further investigations and detailed analysis of each journalists' death – a task made near impossible by the scale and intensity of the war – there is strong evidence in many instances where death has been the result of targeted assassinations. Some Israeli statements corroborate this.

Flagrantly killing journalists because of the work they do, on such scale, while enjoying apparent impunity is without precedent. The actions of the Israeli army against Palestinian journalists in Gaza exposed the limitations of existing international mechanisms to hold perpetrators to account.

Are we witnessing the tearing down of international standards and gains made over the past decades to protect journalists and media, or could this be the dawn of a new era where those who target journalists are made to pay for their crimes?

We will find the answer in the aftermath of this war. Will the reaction be sufficiently strong from journalists and news platforms as well as representative organisations and freedom of expression and media support groups? If they combine efforts to pressure governments and

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intergovernmental organisations to adopt a UN Convention on Safety of Journalists then there is a chance that momentum will be sufficient to create an independent mechanism to investigate the killing of journalists and fight impunity.

There has never been a more critical time to act for all us who care

about the right of journalists to work and report without having to pay for that with their lives. We must work together for the adoption of the

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draft UN Convention on the Safety of Journalists, launched by the IFJ and already supported by media sector representative groups, the global trade union movement, media support groups and governments.

JAILED JOURNALIST IN THE ARAB WORLD AND THE MIDDLE EAST

This year, the IFJ is reporting on the jailed journalists in the region, at least 98 journalists were jailed or remained in jail during 2023. More than half of the those in jail are Palestinian journalists, held by Israel (32) and Egyptian journalists (22).

For decades, the region has gained infamy for building a multilayered structure that has been successful largely in muzzling and intimidating

critical journalists and suppressing independent journalism.

The biggest battle for press freedom being waged now in the region is that of journalists' fighting for freedom of expression on social media platforms. Those escaping strict editorial control in state-owned media or captured private media are taking to social media to express critical views and publish opinions rejected by those media organisations. This category represents the largest number of journalists who have been harassed, intimidated, or jailed in the region.

The IFJ and its affiliates in the Middle East and Arab World will be discussing this and other related press-freedom issues when we meet in Casablanca in February. Plotting the means for unions to work together to protect journalists and defend their rights to work and report without fearing of losing their liberty or livelihood will also be high on our agenda.

Middle East and the Arab World

ISRAEL

Ayelet Arnin

07 OCTOBER

During Hamas' attack, on 7 October, news editor with the Israeli Broadcasting Corporation (KAN) Ayelet Arnin, 22, was killed at the Supernova music festival in southern Israel.

Arnin's death was confirmed on 16 October, the Times of Israel reported.

Shai Regev

07 OCTOBER

Israeli media reported the killing of the editor of TMI, the gossip and entertainment news section of the Ma'ariv newspaper Shai Regev, 25.

Regev was killed at the Supernova music festival on 7 October.

Yaniv Zohar

07 OCTOBER

In the early hours of 7 October, Israeli photographer Yaniv Zohar, from daily newspaper Israel HaYom, was killed in Kibbutz Nahal Oz, in southern Israel, close to the border with the Gaza Strip.

Previously, Zohar had worked for Associated Press as a video journalist between 2005 and 2020, reporting on major news in the country such as the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza in 2005.

Roe Idan

07 OCTOBER

On 20 October, Israel confirmed the death of Ynet photographer Roe Idan, who was unaccounted for more than ten days. Since Hamas' attack, fears grew that Idan was taken hostage until his body was finally identified. The Israeli photographer was killed during Hamas' attack on 7 October in Kibbutz Kfar Aza, where he was based, five kilometres east of Gaza. The news outlet he was working for, Ynet, confirmed that the photographer was documenting the early moments of the attack.



LEBANON:

Issam Abdallah

13 OCTOBER

On 13 October, Reuters video journalist Issam Abdallah was killed by an Israeli strike in southern Lebanon, while providing video signal for broadcasters.

"We are urgently seeking more information, working with the authorities in the region," said Reuters in a statement. The videographer Abdallah was part of the news agency team in southern Lebanon.



Farah Omar and Rabih Me'mari

21 NOVEMBER

Reporter Farah Omar and cameraman Rabih Me'mari, working for Lebanese channel Al Mayadeen TV, were killed on 21 November in an Israeli strike in the town of Tayr Harfa, in southern Lebanon, Al Mayadeen TV reported. The journalists did their last live broadcasting connection near the Lebanese-Israeli border in the morning.



PALESTINE

Mohammad Al-Salhi, Ibrahim Lafi, Mohammad Jarghoun

7 OCTOBER

On 7 October, Palestinian photojournalist Mohammad Al-Salhi, working for news agency Fourth Authority was shot dead while covering the military operations at the border east of Palestinian refugee camp Al-Bureij, located in the central Gaza Strip, according to the state-run news agency WAFA.

Ibrahim Lafi from Ain Media news agency was killed on 7 October while reporting near Beit Hanoun checkpoint, close to the separation fence with Israel, in the northern Gaza Strip, the media reported.

On 7 October, journalist Mohammad Jarghoun, working for Smart Media, a media production company in Gaza, was killed while covering the fight between Hamas and the Israeli army, close to Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip.

Asaad Shamlakh

8 OCTOBER

On 8 October, freelance journalist Asaad Shamlakh was killed with his family in an Israeli airstrike on his home in Sheikh Ejline neighbourhood in Gaza city, PJS and BBC Arabic confirmed.



Said Al-Tawil, Mohammed Sobboh, Hisham Al-Nawahjh, Salam Meimah

10 OCTOBER

On 10 October, the PJS said in a statement that three Palestinian journalists Said Al-Tawil, director of Al-Khamisa news agency and photojournalist Mohammed Sobboh and photographer Hisham Al-Nawahjh, both worked for Khabar news agency, were killed by an Israeli airstrike that hit a residential building near Gaza City's fishing port. The Hamas-run government said that the three reporters were covering the evacuation of a residential building nearby, when the missile struck, AFP reported.

On the same day, Salam Meimah, who worked for Al Quds Radio, was killed in an Israeli airstrike on her home in Jabalia refugee camp, northern Gaza strip. Her body was recovered from the rubble three days later.

Mohammed Fayez Yousef Abu Matar

11 OCTOBER

On 11 October, the PJS confirmed the death of freelance photographer Mohammed Fayez Yousef Abu Matar, 28, following Israeli bombings on Rafah governorate, southern Gaza Strip. According to the state-run news agency Wafa, Abu Matar was a freelance photographer covering the ongoing military operations when he was killed.

Ahmed Shehab

12 OCTOBER

On 12 October, producer of Voice of Prisoners Radio Ahmed Shehab was killed alongside his family members when an Israeli airstrike struck his house in Jabalia refugee camp, in the northern Gaza Strip, PJS reported.

Hossam Mubarak

13 OCTOBER

On 13 October, PJS confirmed the killing of journalist Hossam Mubarak, working for Al AqsaTV, when an Israeli shelling hit his home in northern Gaza city.

Yousef Dawwas

14 OCTOBER

On 14 October, freelance journalist Yousef Dawwas was killed together with his family in an Israeli airstrike on the Gaza Strip, Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor reported.

Abdul Hadi Habib

16 OCTOBER

On 16 October, a bombardment hit the house of Al Aqsa TV journalist Abdul Hadi Habib in the Zeitun neighbourhood in Gaza city. PJS and the media confirmed his death.

Isam Bahar and Mohammed Balousha

17 OCTOBER

On 17 October, PJS reported the killing of Al Aqsa TV journalist Isam Bahar, following the bombing of his house in Gaza city. On the same day, Palestine TV journalist Mohammed Balousha was killed in his apartment due to bombings in Gaza city. PJS and the media confirmed his death.

Samih Al-Nadi

18 OCTOBER

On 18 October Al-Aqsa TV producer and director Samih Al-Nadi was killed in an aircraft bombing on the Gaza Strip.

Khalil Abu Athra

19 OCTOBER

On 19 October, Khalil Abu Athra, cameraman for Al-Aqsa TV, was killed in the Al-Nasr neighborhood, north of Rafah.

Muhammad Abu Ali

20 OCTOBER

On 20 October, PJS confirmed the death of Muhammad Abu Ali, a journalist with Al-Shabab radio in Gaza, who was killed by Israeli shelling of his home in the northern Gaza strip.

Hani Madhoun

21 OCTOBER

On 21 October, Hani Madhoun, who worked as an administrative staff for Al Aqsa TV, was killed in an Israeli airstrike on his home in Gaza.

Roshdi Sarraj

22 OCTOBER

On 22 October, Roshdi Sarraj, co-founder of Ain Media, photojournalist, film-maker and fixer for several international media, including

Radio France, was killed in an Israeli air raid that hit his home, western Gaza city, PJS and media reported.

Mohammed Imad Labad

23 OCTOBER

On 23 October, Palestinian news agency Wafa and PJS confirmed the death of journalist Mohammed Imad Labad, who worked for Al Resalah news website, following an Israeli bombing close to his house in Sheikh Radwan neighbourhood in Gaza city.

Saed Al-Halabi, Ahmed Abu Mahadi, Salma Mukhaimar, Zaher Al Afghani, Jamal Al-Faqawi

25 OCTOBER

On 25 October, PJS confirmed the death of three journalists Saed Al-Halabi, who worked for Al Aqsa TV, was killed when his home in Jabalia, in the north of the Gaza Strip, was targeted.

Ahmed Abu Mahadi, who worked for Al Aqsa TV, was killed in an Israeli airstrike in the Gaza Strip, PJS reported.

Journalist Salma Mukhaimar was killed in an airstrike in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip, PJS reported.

Journalist Zaher Al Afghani, who worked for Mithaq Media Network, was killed when an airstrike hit his home in Deir Al Balah.

Journalist Jamal Al-Faqawi, who worked at Mithaq Media Network, was killed when an Israeli bombardment hit his home in the city of Khan Yunis, southern Gaza Strip.

Duaa Sharaf, Mohammad Fayez Al Hassani

26 OCTOBER

On 26 October, PJS and Wafa news agency confirmed the death of journalist Duaa Sharaf, who worked at Al Aqsa Radio, in a missile attack that struck her home in the Al-Zawaida neighbourhood, central Gaza Strip.

The PJS confirmed the killing of media worker Mohammad Fayez Al Hassani, director general of Rawasi, who lost his life in an Israeli airstrike that hit his home in the Gaza Strip.

Yasser Abu Namous,

27 OCTOBER

On 27 October, Yasser Abu Namous, who worked for Al Sahel media, was killed during an Israeli airstrike that hit his house in eastern Khan Yunis, in the southern Gaza Strip, PJS and Wafa news agency reported.

Nazmi Al-Nadim

30 OCTOBER

On 30 October, PJS and Wafa news agency confirmed the death of Nazmi Al-Nadim, deputy director of finance and administration for Palestine TV. Al-Nadim was killed when an Israeli warplane bombed his house in the Zeitun neighbourhood in Gaza city.

Majd Kashkou, Imad Wahidi

31 OCTOBER

On 31 October, Palestine TV confirmed the death of two media workers, Majd Kashkou and Imad Wahidi in an Israeli airstrike over Gaza city.

Majd Fadl Arandas

1 NOVEMBER

On 1 November, PJS confirmed the killing of journalist Majd Fadl Arandas, who worked for the news website Al-Jamahir, during a bombing near his house in the Nuseirat camp, in the Deir al-Balah Governorate.

Mohammad Abu Hatab, Mohammed Bayyari, Iyad Matar

2 NOVEMBER

On 2 November, journalist Mohammad Abu Hatab, a member of PJS and IFJ who worked as a correspondent for Palestine TV, was killed when an Israeli airstrike hit his home in Khan Yunis, southern Gaza Strip. PJS reported his death. PJS reported his death.

Journalist Mohammed Bayyari, who worked for Al Aqsa TV, was killed.

Iyad Matar, who worked as an administrative staff for Al Aqsa TV, was killed in an Israeli bombardment that hit his home on the Gaza Strip, media reported.

Mohammed Al Jajeh

6 NOVEMBER

Media worker Mohammed Al Jajeh, who worked for media development organisation Press House, was killed in an Israeli airstrike in Al-Nasr neighbourhood in Gaza City. PJS and the media reported his death.

Mohammad Abu Hasira, Yahya Abu Munie

7 NOVEMBER

The PJS and WAFA confirmed the death of journalist Mohammad Abu Hasira, a correspondent for Palestine News and Information Agency (WAFA), who was killed in an Israeli bombing near the fisherman's port in Gaza City. According to WAFA, the airstrike took place overnight between Sunday and Monday, but the body of Abu Hasira was found in the rubble on 7 November.

Journalist Yahya Abu Munie, who worked for Al Aqsa radio, was killed in an airstrike in Gaza City. PJS and Al Jazeera reported.

Ahmed Al-Qara

10 NOVEMBER

Photojournalist Ahmed Al-Qara was killed at the entrance of Khuza'a town, east of the southern city of Khan Yunis, according to PJS.

Mousa Al Barsh

12 NOVEMBER

The PJS and MADA confirmed the death of journalist Mousa Al Barsh, who was the executive director of local Namaa Radio, following an Israeli airstrike on his home in northern Gaza.

Ahmed Fatmah

13 NOVEMBER

Photographer Ahmed Fatmah, who worked for Al Qahera News, was killed due to ongoing Israeli airstrikes in Gaza, PJS and Al Qahera News reported.

Yacoub Bursh

14 NOVEMBER

Director general of Namaa Radio, Yacoub Bursh, was killed in an airstrike that hit his home in Gaza, media reported.

Mahmoud Matar

15 NOVEMBER

Freelance journalist Mahmoud Matar was killed in an airstrike on his home in Gaza.

Moseab Ashour, Mustafa Al-Sawaf, Amr Abu Hayya, Saary Mansour, Hassouneh Isleem, Abdelhalim Awad

18 NOVEMBER

On 18 November, PJS and the media reported the deaths of several journalists and media workers in Gaza. Photographer Moseab Ashour was killed in an attack on the Nuseirat refugee camp in the Gaza Strip days before.

Journalist and writer Mustafa Al-Sawaf was killed in an Israeli airstrike on his home in Gaza city. Al Sawaf was killed alongside his wife and two of his children. His two sons, who are also journalists, Monaster Al-Sawaf and Mohammad Al-Sawaf, were critically wounded.

Amr Abu Hayya, who worked in the broadcasting department of Al Aqsa TV, was killed in an Israeli strike in Gaza.

Director of Quds News Network Saary Mansour and freelance photographer Hassouneh Isleem, who worked for Quds News, were killed in an Israeli airstrike on the Bureij refugee camp, according to PJS and Al Jazeera.

Abdelhalim Awad, media worker and driver of Al Aqsa TV was killed in a strike on his home, PJS reported.

Bilal Jadallah

19 NOVEMBER

Bilal Jadallah, who was the director general of media development organisation Press House in Gaza, was killed in his car in an Israeli airstrike in Gaza, according to PJS and media.

Ayat Al-Khaddura, Khamis Salem Deab

20 NOVEMBER

The PJS reported the death of digital and broadcaster journalist Ayat Al-Khaddura, who was killed in an Israeli airstrike on Beit Lahiya, northern Gaza city. Before her killing, she posted a video from her home on social media documenting the ongoing situation in Gaza.

Journalist Khamis Salem Deab, editor at Al Quds radio, was killed in an Israeli airstrike that hit his home in Gaza, PJS reported.

Jamal Hanieh

21 NOVEMBER

On 21 November, Jamal Hanieh, editor at Amwaj Sports Media Network, was killed in an Israeli bombardment on Gaza City, according to the media for whom Hanieh worked.

Mohamad Nabil Al-Zaq, Assem Al-Barsh

22 NOVEMBER

On 22 November, PJS and Al Jazeera confirmed the deaths of Mohamad Nabil Al-Zaq, who worked for Quds TV and was killed in an Israeli strike; and Assem Al-Barsh, who worked for Palestinian Al-Ray radio and was killed by an Israeli sniper in the Al-Saftawi area in northern Gaza Strip.

Muhammad Moin Ayyash

23 NOVEMBER

Photojournalist Muhammad Moin Ayyash was killed, alongside with a number of his family members, in an Israeli strike on his house in the Nuseirat refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, according to Wafa news agency.

Amal Zahed, Mustafa Bakir

24 NOVEMBER

Journalist Amal Zahed was killed in an Israeli airstrike on Gaza City and journalist and cameraman Mustafa Bakir, who worked for Al Aqsa TV, lost his life in an Israeli airstrike on his house in the Nuseirat refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, PJS reported.

Nader Al-Nazli

25 NOVEMBER

The body of Nader Al-Nazli, who worked as a technician for Palestine TV, was found under the rubble, one week after his house was bombed.

Abdallah Darwish, Muntaser Al-Sawaf, Marwan Al-Sawaf, Adham Hassouna

1 DECEMBER

On 1 December, PJS and media confirmed the death of photojournalist Abdallah Darwish, who worked for Al Aqsa TV and was killed in an Israeli raid in the Gaza Strip.

Later during the day, photographer Muntaser Al-Sawaf, who worked for the Turkish news agency Anadolu, was killed in an airstrike that hit the family home in Gaza City, Anadolu Agency reported.

The strike also killed photojournalist Marwan Al-Sawaf, Muntaser's brother, who worked for Alef Media, according to media reports.

Freelance journalist Adham Hassouna was killed in an Israeli airstrike on Gaza city.

Hassan Farajallah

3 DECEMBER

On 3 December, PJS confirmed the killing of Al Quds TV executive Hassan Farajallah, who was killed in an Israeli bombardment in the Gaza Strip.

Shaima Jazzar

4 DECEMBER

On 4 December, Wafa news agency confirmed the death of freelance journalist Shaima Jazzar, who worked for Al Hayat newspaper and Majedat Rafah network, was killed together with nine members of her family in an Israeli bombing that hit her home in the southern city of Rafah.

Ala Atallah, Duaa Jabbour

9 DECEMBER

Journalist Ala Atallah was killed together with nine members of her family in an Israeli airstrike on the Al-Daraj neighbourhood in Gaza City, PJS and Roya News reported. On the same day, photojournalist Mohamed Abu Samra lost his life as a result of Israeli bombardment in the southern Gaza Strip, according to PJS.

Freelance journalist Duaa Jabbour, who worked for the local media website Eyes Media Network, was killed together with her family in an Israeli airstrike that hit her home in the southern city of Khan Yunis, PJS and media reported.

Narmeen Qawwas

11 DECEMBER

The PJS confirmed the death of Narmeen Qawwas, an intern at Russia Today (RT), killed in an Israeli airstrike that hit the family home in Gaza.

Abdul Karim Odeh

13 DECEMBER

The PJS confirmed the killing of journalist and former Al-Mayadeen correspondent Abdul Karim Odeh, who lost his life in an Israeli airstrike on the Nuseirat refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, media reported.

Samer Abu Daqqa

15 DECEMBER

The PJS and Al Jazeera confirmed the killing of cameraman Samer Abu Daqqa, who worked for Al Jazeera Arabic. He was killed by a drone strike while covering the aftermath of Israeli attacks on a school in Khan Yunis, southern Gaza Strip. In the same attack, Al Jazeera bureau chief in Gaza, Wael Al-Dahdouh, was wounded.

Assem Kamal Moussa

16 DECEMBER

Journalist Assem Kamal Moussa, who worked for the Palestine Now network, was killed in an Israeli airstrike that hit his home in the southern city of Khan Yunis, according to PJS and media.

Haneen Ali Al-Qashtan

17 DECEMBER

Journalist Haneen Ali Al-Qashtan, who worked for Sawt Al Watan Radio, was killed along with members of her family in an Israeli bombardment on the Nuseirat refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, PJS reported.

Abdallah Alwan

18 DECEMBER

Media worker Abdallah Alwan, who contributed to Al Jazeera owned platform Midan, among other media, was killed in an Israeli airstrike on his home in Jabalia refugee camp, northern Gaza Strip, Al Jazeera Arabic reported.

Mohammad Nasser Abu Hweidy

22 DECEMBER

Photojournalist Mohammad Nasser Abu Hweidy working for Al Istiqlal newspaper was killed during coverage at Al Shoja'ia in Gaza.

Ahmad Jamal Madhoun

23 DECEMBER

Journalist Ahmad Jamal Madhoun, deputy director at Al Rai news agency, was killed in an airstrike that targeted north Gaza.



Huthaifa Lulu, Mohammad Abdul Khaleq Al Ghuf, Mohammad Saidi (Khalifa)

24 DECEMBER

Broadcast engineer Huthaifa Lulu, working at prisoners radio, and formerly working for Al Quds TV, was found dead with his wife, daughter and a high number of family members after an airstrike targeted his house in Gaza.

Photojournalist Mohammad Abdul Khaleq Al Ghuf, working for Al Rai news agency, was killed while reporting on the war in Gaza.

Journalist Mohammad Saidi (Khalifa), director at Al Aqsa TV, was killed in an airstrike that targeted his house in Al Nuseirat, Gaza.

Ahmad Khair Al Din, Mohammad Khair Al Din

28 DECEMBER

Photojournalist Ahmad Khair Al Din, working for Al Aqsa TV, was killed in an airstrike that targeted his house in Al Beit Lahia, north Gaza.

Mohammad Khair Al Din, archiving officer at Al Aqsa TV, was killed in an airstrike that targeted his house in Al Beit Lahia, northern Gaza Strip.

Jaber Abu Hedrous

29 DECEMBER

Jaber Abu Hedrous, a correspondent for Quds TV, was killed in an air strike on his house.



SYRIA

Firas al-Ahmad

9 AUGUST

Firas al-Ahmad, a reporter from the privately owned Sama TV, was killed on 9 August when a roadside bomb exploded in al-Shiah district in the southern province of Daraa, near the Jordanian border.

The journalist was travelling in a vehicle with two security officers of the Syrian armed forces, who were also killed in the bomb explosion, when returning from a counter narcotics operation in Daraa province, Syrian News Agency reported.

Faisal Haj Sinan

23 AUGUST

On 23 August, a suspected drone attack near Qamishli city, in the de facto Autonomous Administration of North East Syria ruled by the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), killed driver Faisal Haj Sinan, an employee of Jin TV, a media organisation run by women journalists.

A team of Jin TV journalists were travelling in a media company car near Qamishli, a city located close to the Syrian-Turkish border, when the vehicle was hit by a suspected Turkish drone attack on 23 August. According to media reports, the journalists were travelling on assignment.

This is the second time Turkey has been accused of attacking journalists in the region.

Abdulghani Abu Sha'ar

5 OCTOBER

On 5 October, assistant cameraman Abdulghani Abu Sha'ar, who worked for Syrian TV, was killed in a drone attack during a graduation event of the military academy in Homs.

REPORT ON THE IFJ INTERNATIONAL SAFETY FUND FOR 2023

In 2022, the IFJ's International Safety Fund (ISF) received an incredible wave of solidarity, with more than €314,000 donated, including €264,000 for Ukraine.

Not only is the war continuing on European soil, but a major new conflict, in Gaza, has plunged our profession into mourning as never before.

Despite successive campaigns for the ISF, donations for Ukraine stalled in 2023 at around €53,000, five times less than in 2022. On the other hand, donations for Palestinian journalists exceeded €92,000 between 7 October and 31 December.

The incredible media coverage of this conflict has led to an exceptional surge of solidarity from our unions, in particular, and donations have therefore followed the same trend in the last quarter of 2023.

ISF's main interventions in Ukraine have focused on the solidarity houses for journalists created with the support of Unesco, which never relented in its efforts to finance them. In this case, ISF is working directly with Ukrainian journalists as part of the IFJ's €105,000 contribution to the Unesco project.

ISF HAS SENT MORE THAN €206,000 TO OUR COLLEAGUES IN UKRAINE

Since the start of the war in Ukraine in February 2022, ISF has sent more than €206,000 to our Ukrainian unions and received in return around €319,000 in donations, from both

individuals and IFJ affiliates. Our sincere thanks to all of them.

Other payments are already planned in Ukraine as part of the partnership with UNESCO.

The ISF sent around €18,000 to journalists in Gaza, through its affiliate, the

Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate, mainly to buy power banks and first aid kits.

As far as other contributions are concerned, ISF is pursuing its missions by sending smaller sums to journalists in difficulty. The countries with the highest demand are Afghanistan (€12,660), even though the special fund set up in 2021 after the arrival of the Taliban has struggled to meet the needs of journalists in that country since the beginning of 2023. Next comes Turkey (€10,000) and Myanmar (€10,300), two countries where journalists face considerable challenges.

The IFJ's
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Some forty other personal interventions, mainly to help with family and legal support, accounted for around €65,000 from ISF.

The IFJ Safety Fund is made up of money raised by individual journalists and IFJ unions. It has taken up cases all over the world and intervened to provide special support for the media workers who became victims of natural disasters and accidents. The IFJ International Safety Fund covers the following areas of assistance:

The IFJ Safety Fund is designed primarily to provide assistance for journalists and media staff injured in the line of duty, often in the so-called “hot-spots” of the world and in cases where the media employing the journalist/ media staffer are unable to cover such costs. This assistance can be in the form of travel, medical or subsistence costs.

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The Safety Fund can also be used on a case-by-case limited basis to assist in legal fees for journalists/media staff that again cannot find sufficient support from their employer. Finally, the Safety Fund can provide immediate assistance for the families of journalists and media staff whose ‘bread-winner’ has been killed and who have no means to sustain themselves.

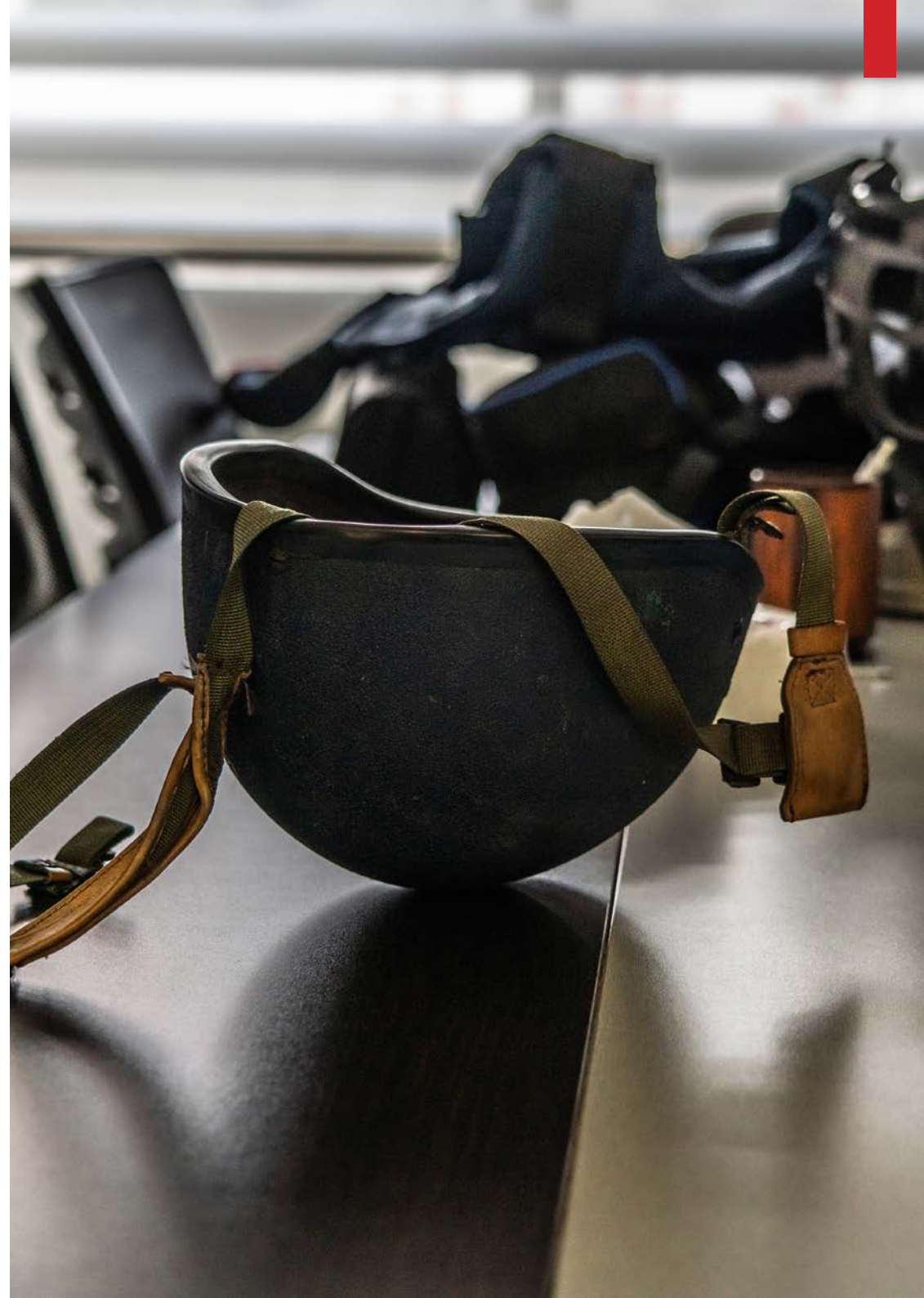
Whenever the IFJ gives assistance there is a monitoring and reporting process to ensure that the money goes to where it is intended. In 2010 the IFJ revised the Safety Fund rules.

These are available on request from the IFJ secretariat.

The IFJ Safety Fund can only continue to assist journalists if its future is secured. In order to help journalists, money must come in. But, most importantly, it is a Fund that must provide help to those who need it most. It is now possible to make secure online donations (donorbox).

In order to
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Please visit our website – ifj.org – and donate to ensure that we get the message out to those who have suffered and face a bleak future: you are not alone – the IFJ Safety fund is here to help.





International Code of Practice

for the Safe Conduct of Journalism

The dangers posed to journalists and media staff working in dangerous situations and conflict zones are the subject of extensive record. The IFJ has recorded the deaths of more than 2650 journalists and media staff over the past 30 years.

Many journalists are killed, injured or harassed in war zones, either targeted by one side or another or caught in the crossfire of violence. Others are the victims of premeditated assault and intimidation either by criminals, terrorists or by agencies of the state — the police, the military or the security forces — acting secretly and illegally.

Very often there is little that journalists or media organisations can do to avoid casualties. There will, inevitably, be accidents, no matter how much care is taken to provide protection and there is little one can do when those targeting media use ruthless and brutal methods to crush journalistic inquiry.

However, there are steps that journalists and media organisations should take to minimise the risks to staff. In particular, the following are vital considerations in providing protection: Adequate preparation, training and social protection is vital. It is essential that journalists and media staff be in a state of readiness when difficulties arise. There should be a framework for providing individuals with health care and social protection.

Media professionals must be informed and inform themselves about the political, physical, and social terrain in

which they are working. They must not contribute to the uncertainty and insecurity of their conditions through ignorance or reckless behaviour.

Media organisations must guard against risk-taking for competitive advantage, and should promote co-operation among journalists whenever conditions exist which are potentially hazardous.

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Governments must remove obstacles to journalism. They must not restrict unnecessarily the freedom of movement of journalists or compromise the right of news media to gather, produce and disseminate information in secure and safe conditions.

Journalists should be allowed to gather news without interference. Physical interference with filming or other journalistic work must be prohibited.

With these considerations in mind, the IFJ calls on journalists' groups, media organisations and all relevant public authorities to respect the following International Code of Practice for the Safe Conduct of Journalism:

1. Journalists and other media staff shall be properly equipped for all assignments including the provision of first-aid materials, communication tools, adequate transport facilities and, where necessary, protective clothing;

2. Media organisations and, where appropriate, state authorities shall provide risk awareness training for those journalists and media workers who are likely to be involved in assignments where dangerous conditions prevail or may be reasonably expected;

3. Public authorities shall inform their personnel of the need to respect the rights of journalists and shall instruct them to respect the physical integrity of journalists and media staff while at work;

4. Media organisations shall provide social protection for all staff engaged in journalistic activity outside the normal place of work, including life insurance;

5. Media organisations shall provide, free of charge, medical treatment and health care, including costs of recuperation and convalescence, for journalists and media workers who are the victims of injury or illness as a result of their work outside the normal place of work;

6. Media organisations shall protect freelance or part-time employees. They must receive, on an equal basis, the same social protection and access to training and equipment as that made available to fully employed staff.

The IFJ is the world's largest organisation of journalists with members in more than 150 countries. Today the IFJ spans the world with a range of programmes and solidarity activities that help to strengthen journalists' trade unions. IFJ Offices around the world highlight the need for safety of journalists. The Federation in the past opened offices in Afghanistan, Algeria, Colombia, the Philippines and Sri Lanka to provide local support for journalists most in need.

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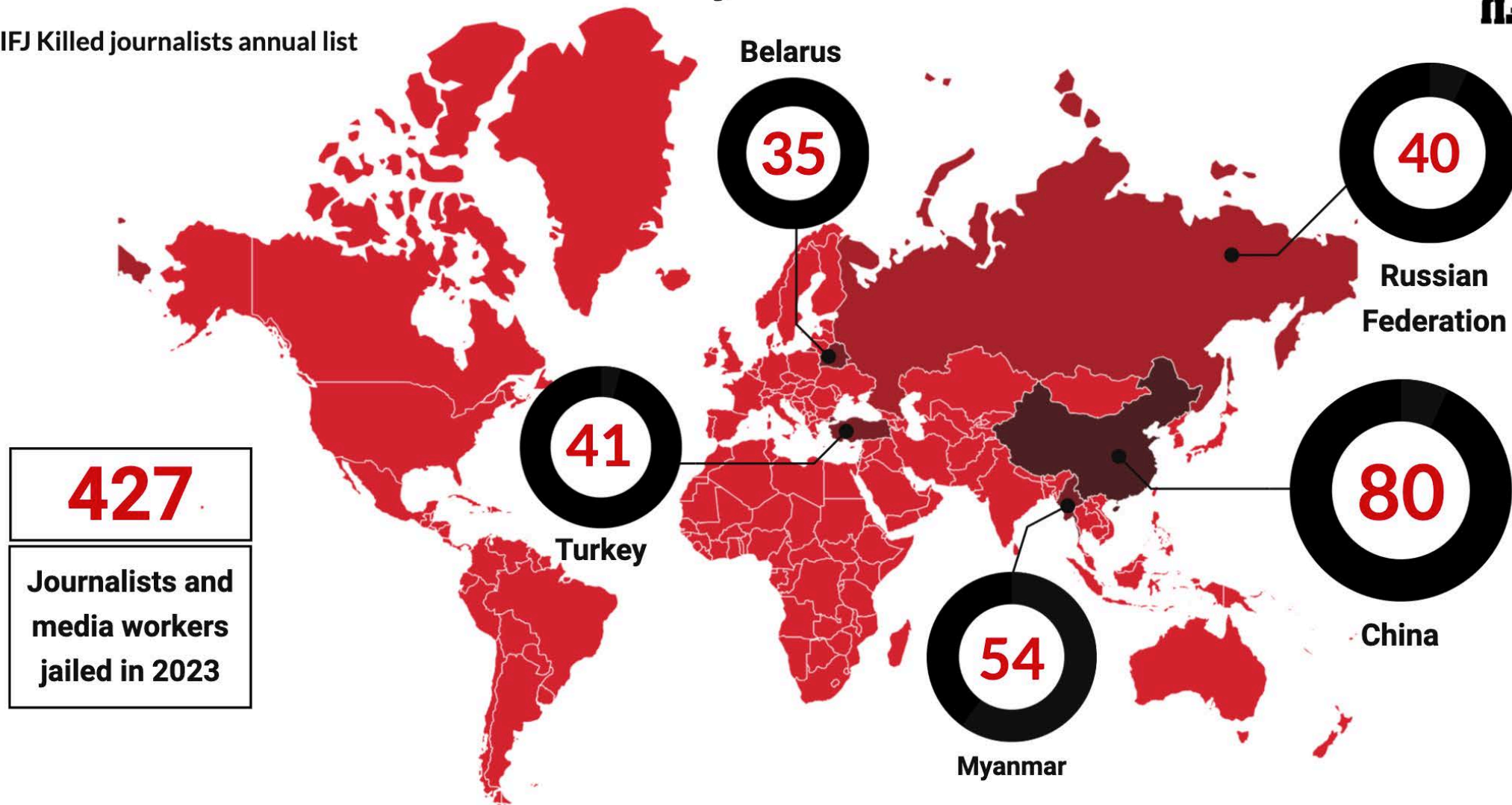
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LIST OF JOURNALISTS IN PRISON FOR THEIR REPORTING

| COUNTRY NAME | ORGANISATION | POSITION | Date of Arrest |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| ALGERIA | | | |
| AL KADI IHSAN | Journalist | Maghreb Emergent | 23/12/23 |
| MUSATAPAH BEN | Journalist | The Provincial | 08/02/23 |
| AZERBAĪDJAN | | | |
| ASLAN GURBANOV | | | |
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| AZIZ ORUJOV | | | |
| ELNUR SHUKUROV | | | |
| MAHAMMAD KEKALOV | | | |
| NARGIZ ABSALAMOVA | | | |
| NURLAN GAHRAMANLI | | | |
| OSMAN NARIMANOGLU | | | |
| RZAYEV | | | |
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| RASHAD RAMAZANOV | | | |
| SEVINC VAQIFQIZI | | | |
| ULVI HASANLI | | | |
| VUGAR MAMMADOV | | | |
| BAHRAIN | | | |
| AHMED HUMAIDAN | Freelance photographer | | |
| MAHMOUD AL-JAZIRI | Reporter | Al Wasat Newspaper (now closed) | |
| SAYED AHMED AL MOUSAWI | Freelance photographer | | |
| HASSAN QAMBAR | Freelance photographer | | |
| BANGLADESH | | | |
| MD SIRAZUL ISLAM RATAN | Gaibandha upazila correspondent | Daily Manabzamin | 26/05/20 |
| AHMED KHAN BABU | correspondent | Delta Times | 30/04/21 |
| GOLAM MOSTAFA RAFIQ | editor | Habiganj Samachar | 12/06/17 |
| KHALILUR RAHMAN | journalist | Dainik Janata; Dainik Somoyer | 11/05/21 |
| MOHAMMAD AKHTARUZZAMAN | district correspondent | Banijjo Pratidin | 18/07/21 |
| BELARUS | | | |
| ALES LYUBYANCHUK | | | |
| ALYAKSANDR MANTSEVICH | | | |
| ANASTASIA SHARKEVICH | | | |
| ANDREI ALIAKSANDRAU | | | |
| ANDREI FAMIN | | | |
| ANDREI KUZNECHYK | | | |
| ANDREI TOLCHYN | | | |
| ANDRZEJ POZOBUT | | | |
| DZIANIS IVASHYN | | | |
| DZMITRY HARBUNOU | | | |
| DZMITRY LUKSHA | | | |
| DZMITRY NAVAZHYLAU | | | |
| DZMITRY SEMCHANKA | | | |
| HENADZ MAZHEYKA | | | |

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 INA MOZHCHANKA
 IRYNA LEUSHYNA
 IRYNA SLAUNIKAVA
 IVAN MURAUYOU
 KATSIARYNA ANDREEVA
 KONSTANTIN ZOLOTYKH
 KSENIA LUTSKINA
 LARYSA SHCHYRAKOVA
 LYUDMILA CHEKINA
 MARYNA ZOLATAVA
 PAVEL MAZHEJKA
 PAVEL PADABED
 SIARHEI SATSUK
 VALERIJA KASTSIUHOVA
 VYACHESLAU LAZARAU
 YAUHEN MERKIS
 YULIYA MUDREUSKAYA
 YURI HANTSAREVICH
 YURI HLADCHUK

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FLORIANE IRANGABIYE Anchor Radio Igicaniro 03/01/23

CHINA

ABDULLA ABDUREHIM Journalist Xinjiang Audiovisual Press 01/04/17
 ABDULLA MEMETJAN Editor China National Radio Uighur Service 30/06/09
 ABDURAHMAN ABEY Director Xinjiang People's Publishing House 01/07/18
 ABDUREHIM ABDURAHMAN Journalist Kashgar Uyghur Press 23/03/19
 ABDUSEMET ABDURESHIT Presenter; Columnist Hotan TV 08/12/21
 ABDUSHUKUR QAWUL editor in chief Xinjiang Newspaper 01/01/18
 ABLAJAN SIYIT Journalist Kashgar Publishing House 15/10/18
 ABLIZ ÖMER Former editor-in-chief Kashgar Publishing House 2017
 ANARGUL HEKIM Journalist Kashgar Uyghur Press 24/03/19
 ATIKEM ROZI Writer, Editorialist Uighurbiz 17/01/14
 AYNUR TASH Journalist Urumqi People's Radio Station 08/07/16
 CHAI XIAOMING Editor Red Perspective 21/03/19
 CHEN JIEREN Journalist People's Daily 04/07/18
 CHEN SHUQING Blogger, Writer Boxun 11/09/14
 CHIMENGUL AWUT Editor, Poet Kashgar Publishing House 01/07/18
 DAI XUELIN Book Editor and Seller Guangxi Normal University Press 01/02/17
 DAI ZIGENG Editor Beijing News 31/07/19
 DAWA TSOMO Journalist Freelance 23/08/14
 DONG YUYU Guangming Daily Columnist 21/02/22
 EMET ERKIN Journalist Kashgar Uyghur Press 24/03/19
 ENWER QUTLUQ Journalist Xinjiang Television Station 24/03/19
 ERKIN TURSUN Journalist Ili Television Station 01/03/18
 ES'ET EZIZ Editor in Chief Urumqi People's Radio Station 01/01/16
 GULMIRA IMIN Blogger Urumqi, Xinjiang province 14/07/09
 GUO QUAN Editor 31/01/20
 GURBAN MAMUT Editor-in-chief Xinjian Civilisation 31/10/17

HAILAITE NIYAZI AKA GHEYRAT NIYAZ HAMUT MAHINUR Writer, Editorialist Uighurbiz, Xinjiang Legal Daily 01/10/09
 HE LINXIA Journalist editor Kashgar Uyghur Press 24/03/19
 HE LINXIA Lixiangguo/Guangxi Normal University Press 01/02/17
 HU YAZHU Journalist Nanfang Daily 21/06/13
 HUANG QI Founder 64 Tianwang 28/11/16
 HUANG XUEQIN AKA SOPHIA HUANG Journalist and activist Southern Metropolis Weekly 19/09/21
 ILHAM TOHTI Founder Ughurbiz 15/01/14
 ILHAM WELI Journalist Xinjiang Daily 01/07/18
 JURET HAJI Director Xinjiang Daily 06/08/18
 KHALIDE ISRA'IL Editor Xinjiang Gazette 24/03/19
 LI XINDE Editor Public Opinion Monitor Network 23/10/19
 LI YANHE AKA FU CHA Radio Taiwan International Host APPROX 19/04/23
 LIU WEI'AN Freelance journalist Nanfang Daily 05/06/13
 LÜ GENGSONG Journalist Freelance 06/07/14
 LÜ HUA Founder Hubei New Viewpoint Network 19/04/23
 LUO YUWEI Writer, Editorialist Uighurbiz JAN/FEB-2014
 MEHMUTJAN KHOJA Journalist Xinjiang Youth Journal 24/03/19
 MEMETJAN ABLIZ BORİYAR Editor-in-chief Kashgar Publishing House 01/10/18
 MEMTIMIN OBUL Editor Xinjiang Daily 06/08/18
 MIRKAMI ABLIMIT Head Editor Xinjiang Farmer's Daily 06/08/18
 MÖMIN EKHMETJAN Editor Xinjiang People's Press 24/03/19
 NIYAZ KAHAR Journalist Golden Tarim 26/07/09
 OMERJAN HASAN Editor, Journalist, Founder Mozqir 01/04/16
 OSMAN ZUNUN Former editor-in-chief Kashgar Publishing House EARLY 2018
 PERHAT HALMURAT Writer, Editorialist Uighurbiz JAN/FEB-2014
 QASIM GUZELNUR Journalist Kashgar Uyghur Press 24/03/19
 QIN CHAO citizen journalist 64 Tianwang 30/08/16
 QIN YONGMIN Political Commentator, Founder Rose China, China Human Rights Watch MAI-15
 SHANGGUAN YUNKAI Blogger Blogger 30/04/23
 SHORET NIJAT Writer, Editorialist Uighurbiz JAN/FEB-2014
 SIDIQ MEMET Journalist Kashgar Uyghur Press 24/03/19
 TALIP TAHIR Editor Kashgar Daily 24/03/19
 WANG GANLIN investigation journalist Pangbo News 16/11/20
 WANG LINLIN journalist Hui Town Site 12/04/18
 WEI ZHILI Editor Xinshengdai 20/03/19
 WU GAN Citizen Journalist Citizen Journalist 26/12/17
 YANG HENJUN Blogger, Independent Commentator Blogger 19/01/19
 YANG MAODONG AKA GUO FEIXONG Columnist Freelance 12/01/21
 YANG ZEWEI Journalist Radio Free Asia 07/07/23
 YAO WENTIAN AKA YIU MAN-TIN publisher Morning Bell Press 27/10/13
 YASIN ZILAL Editor Tarim Journal 24/03/19
 ZHANG ZHAN citizen journalist freelance 14/05/20
 ZHOU WEILIN Journalist Weiquanwang 12/03/20
 QURBAN MAMUT head editor, senior editor Xinjiang Civilization 01/11/17
 CLAUDIA MO correspondent; host; columnist Agence France-Presse; Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK); Apple Daily 28/02/21
 JIMMY LAI Founder Apple Daily 01/12/20
 LAW WAI-KWONG (RYAN LAW) Editor-in-chief Apple Daily 17/06/21

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| CHEUNG KIM-HUNG | Publisher | Apple Daily | 17/06/21 |
| FUNG WAI-KONG AKA FRANKIE FUNG | Media Director | Apple Daily | 27/06/21 |
| LAM MAN CHUNG | Editor | Apple Daily | 21/07/21 |
| CHAN PUI-MAN | Associated Publisher | Apple Daily | 17/06/21 |
| YEUNG CHING-KEE | Editorial Writer | Apple Daily | 21/07/21 |
| PUI-KUEN CHUNG | Editor | Stand News | 29/12/21 |
| PATRICK LAM SHIU-TUNG | Editor | Stand News | 29/12/21 |

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| RDC | | | |
| CHRISTIAN BOFAYA | Anchor | E Radio | 10/01/22 |
| PATRICK LOLA | Journalist | Freelance | 10/01/22 |
| STANIS BUJAKERA | Journalist | Jeune Afrique et Reuters | 08/10/23 |
| TSHIAMALA | | | |

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| ERITREA | | | |
| DAWIT ISAAC | Director | Setit | 18/09/01 |
| EMANUEL ASRAT | Director | Zemen | 18/09/01 |
| HAMID MOHAMED SAID | Editor in chief | Eri-TV | 31/01/02 |
| JIM'IE KIMEIL | Journalist | Eritrea al-Haditha | 24/11/05 |
| MOHAMED OSMAN | Journalist | Dimtsi Hafash | 22/02/11 |
| AHMED USMAN | Journalist | Dimtsi Hafash | 22/02/11 |
| NEBEIL EDRIS | Journalist | Dimtsi Hafash | 22/02/11 |

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| EGYPT | | | |
| HAMDI MOKHTAR (EZZAIM)) | Freelance photographer | | 05/01/21 |
| AHMED ALLAM | Freelance journalist | | 4/24/2020 |
| HISHAM ABDEL AZIZ | Journalist | Al Jazeera | 6/20/2021 |
| MOSTAFA AL-KHATEEB | Reporter | Associated Press / Cairo | 10/13/2019 |
| MOHAMED MUBARAK (OXYGENE) | Freelance photographer | | 08/10/19 |
| TAOUFIK GHONEIM | Journalist | Anadolu Agency | 5/21/2021 |
| KARIM IBRAHIM | Journalist | Bawaba news | |
| ABDELLAH SAMIR IBRAHIM | Producer / FreelanceJournalist | | 9/22/2019 |
| MEDHAT RAMADAN ALI BARGHOUT | Journalist | Shababik News | 5/24/2020 |
| MOHAMED SAID FAHEMI | Journalist | Alwatan Newspaper | 5/31/2018 |
| BAHA EDDIN IBRAHIM | Journalist | Al Jazeera | 2/22/2020 |
| AHMED SABAA | Journalist | | 2/29/2020 |
| BADER MOHAMED BADER | Journalist | Afak Arabya Newspaper | 3/30/2017 |
| ABDEL NASSER SALAM | Journalist | Al-Ahram Newspaper | 18/07/2021 |
| ASHRAF HAMDY | Cartoonist | | 1/25/2021 |
| RABIE AL-SHEIKH | Journalist | Al Jazeera | 01/08/21 |
| ALIA AOUD | Journalist | Rasd News | 10/23/2017 |
| AHMED ABOU ZIED | Journalist | | |
| AL-TABOUBU | | Al-Dyar Newspaper | 03/02/21 |
| ISMAIL AL-ISKANDARANI | Journalist | Freelance | 11/29/2015 |
| SAFA AL-KARBAJI | journalist | Public broadcaster | |
| HALA FAHMI | journalist | Public broadcaster | |
| HUSAIN KARIM | Journalist/copyeditor | Freelance | 11/18/2020 |
| AHMED AL-NAJDI | Journalist | Al Jazeera Mubasher | 08/01/22 |

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| ETHIOPIA | | | |
| DAWIT MEKNONNEN | Journalist | Tigray TV | 01/06/22 |
| HAILEMICHAEL GESESSE | Journalist | Tigray TV | 01/06/22 |

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| GUATEMALA | | | |
| JOSÉ RUBÉN ZAMORA | Journalist | Canal 10 | 06/04/24 |

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| INDIA | | | |
| NILESH SHARMA | editor | Indiawriters.co.in | 02/03/22 |
| AASIF SULTAN | journalist | Agence Kashmir; Kashmir Narrator | 24/08/18 |
| ABDUL AALA FAZILI | post-doctoral scholar at the University of Kashmir | The Kashmir Walla | 17/04/22 |
| FAHAD SHAH | journalist | The Kashmir Walla | 04/02/22 |
| GAUTAM NAVLAKHA | journalist | Newsclick | 14/04/20 |
| IRFAN MEHRAJ | founding editor | Wande Magazine | 20/03/23 |
| RUPESH KUMAR SINGH | independent journalist | Janchowk, Media Vigil | 17/07/22 |
| SAJAD GUL | trainee journalist | The Kashmir Walla | 05/01/22 |
| PRABIR PURKAYASTHA | founder and editor-in-chief | Newsclick | 03/10/23 |
| AMIT CHAKRABORTY | human resources head | Newsclick | 03/10/23 |

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| IRAN | | | |
| NILOOFAR HAMEDY | journalist | Shargh | 22/09/22 |
| ELAHE MOHAMMADI | journalist | Hammihan | 23/09/22 |
| REBAWA SAIDMOHAMADI | journalist | Sahar TV | 2022 |
| KAMYAR FAKOOR | Reporter | Khabaronline | 09/05/23 |
| VIDA RABANI | journalist | Shargh | 24/09/22 |
| SAEED SHAFIEI | freelance | | 2023 |
| NASIM SOLTAN BEIGI | journalist | Nasim Bidari magazine | 21/11/23 |
| SULTANALI ABEDI | Editor | Diar Ayar | 04/12/23 |

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| ISRAEL | | | |
| MOHAMMAD NIMER | | | 10/10/23 |
| ASSIDEH | | | 15/10/23 |
| SABRI JEBRIL | | | 26/10/23 |
| MUSTAFA KHAWAJA | | | 15/10/23 |
| ABDUL NASSER ALLAHAM | | | 18/10/23 |
| MOATH AMARNEH (INJURED JOURNALIST) | | | 19/10/23 |
| ALAA RIMAWI | | | 19/10/23 |
| IMAD ABU AWAD | | | 19/10/23 |
| OSAMA SHAHIN | | | 19/10/23 |
| ALAA RAB'I | | | 19/10/23 |
| THAER FAKHOURI | | | 20/10/23 |
| MOS'AB QAFISHEH | | | 20/10/23 |
| RADWAN QATANANI | | | 25/10/23 |
| BILALAL ARMAN | | | 27/10/23 |
| MOHAMMAD BADER | | | 28/10/23 |
| NAWAF AMER | | | 30/10/23 |
| ZAKARIA ABU FANAR | | | 30/10/23 |
| AMEER ABU ARAM | | | 05/11/23 |
| ABDULLAH SHATAT | | | 01/11/23 |
| MURAD SHAMROUGH | | | 09/11/23 |
| ABDUL MOHSEN | | | 07/11/23 |
| SHALALDEH | | | 07/11/23 |
| HUTHAIFA ABU JAMOUS | | | 07/11/23 |
| MOHAMMAD AYYAD | | | 07/11/23 |
| MOHAMMAD AL ATRASH | | | 08/11/23 |
| AMER ABU ARAFEH | | | 08/11/23 |

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| IBRAHIM ZUHEIRI | | | 18/11/23 |
| TAREQ SHARIF | | | 19/11/23 |
| FATHI EDKEIDEK | | | 19/11/23 |
| MO'MEN HALABI | | | 15/11/23 |
| ALAA SARRAJ | | | 01/12/23 |
| AYMAN RABAI'A | | | 05/12/23 |
| DIA KHLOUT | | | 07/12/23 |
| IKHLAS SWALHA | | | 12/12/23 |
| HATEM HMADAN | | | 16/12/23 |

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| KYRGYZSTAN | | | |
| TAALAI DUISHENBIEV | director | Next TV | 21/09/22 |

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| MOROCCO | | | |
| SOULAIMAN RAISSOUNI | Editor-in-chief | Akhbar Al-Youm Newspaper | 5/22/2020 |
| TAOUFIK BOUACHRINE | Columnist / Publisher | Akhbar Al-Youm Newspaper | 2/23/2018 |
| OMAR RADI | Journalist | Lakome | 7/29/2020 |

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| MYANMAR | | | |
| AUNG LWIN | Reporter | Reporter | 07/04/22 |
| AUNG SANN LINN | Reporter | Democratic Voice of Burma | 11/12/21 |
| AUNG WIN HTAY | Reporter | Democratic Voice of Burma | 2022 |
| CHIT MINHLAING | Journalist | Freelance | 22/04/21 |
| D MYAT NYEIN | Journalist | Zayar Times News | 26/06/21 |
| HAN THAR NYEIN | Journalist | Kamayut Media | 09/03/21 |
| HLA MYO AUNG | Reporter | Freelance | 09/02/22 |
| HMU YADANAR KHET MOET MOET TUN | Journalist | Myanmar Pressphoto Agency | 05/12/21 |
| HTET AUNG SHINE | Factchecker | Freelance | 02/10/22 |
| HTET HTET AUNG / MA HTET HTET | Journalist | Thinganyun Post | 11/09/21 |
| HTET HTET KHINE / HTET HTET KHAING | Journalist | BBC News | 16/08/21 |
| HOOO SAN KO (AKA) THET TUN AUNG | Photojournalist | Freelance | 31/05/21 |
| KAUNG SETT LIN | Photographer | Myanmar Pressphoto Agency | 05/12/21 |
| KHAING MYINT TUN | Journalist | Freelance | 11/07/21 |
| KYAW SWAR TUN | Factchecker | Freelance | 08/09/22 |
| KYAW ZAY YA | Founder | Kanbawza Time, Hopong | 28/04/21 |
| LA MIN | Journalist | La Min Paing | 06/04/21 |
| LWIN THAN | Reporter | | 01/09/23 |
| MAUNG MAUNG MYO | Journalist | Mekong Press | 10/05/22 |
| MIN THIKE TUN | Reporter | | APRIL, 2023 |
| MYAT KO OO | Reporter | Freelance | 13/09/22 |
| MYO WIN AUNG | Photojournalist | Freelance | 10/06/21 |
| NAING WIN TUN (AKA) MYAT NANN ZAYAR TUNN (AKA) PAW TUN | Editor | Mandalay Free Press | 25/01/23 |
| NAY NAW | Reporter | The Mandalay Daily Newspaper | |
| NYEIN CHAN WAI | Journalist | Karen Information Centre (KIC) | 28/03/22 |
| PYAE PHYU THU | Reporter | Bago Weekly | 16/06/23 |
| SAI LWIN | Photojournalist | Freelance | 21/09/21 |
| SAI ZAW THIKE | Photojournalist | Myanmar Now | 13/09/21 |
| | | | 24/05/23 |

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| SIT MIN NAING (AKA) LIBRA SITHU | Reporter | Freelance | 20/08/22 |
| SITHU AUNG MYINT | Reporter | Freelance | 20/07/20 |
| SOE LINN AUNG | Journalist | Voice of America | 16/08/21 |
| SOE YAR ZAR TUN | Journalist | Freelance | 09/02/22 |
| THAUNG WIN | Reporter | Freelance | 20/03/22 |
| THET WAI SAN | Publisher | The Irrawaddy | 29/09/22 |
| THURAIN KYAW | Reporter | Freelance | 30/11/22 |
| TIN NEW TUN (AKA) JANIMAR TOE AUNG | Founder | Media Top 4 | 03/02/22 |
| TUN THAN AUNG | Reporter | Crime Media Group | 06/12/22 |
| TUN WIN | Reporter | Tachilek | SENTENCED |
| WAI LINN YU | Reporter | Tachilek | 4/8/2022 |
| WIN NAING OO | Editor | Khith Thit Media | SENTENCED |
| YU WAI MYINT | Former Chief Correspondent | Thinganyun Post | 4/8/2022 |
| ZARNI WAR | Page Manager | Channel Mandalay TV / Mandalay Voice of Mandalay | 02/07/23 |
| ZAW MIN OO | Staff | Sky Net | 11/09/21 |
| ZAW MOE AUNG | Editor-In-Chief | Tae Pyaw News Agency | 31/08/21 |
| ZAW THI HAN | Crime Reporter | Freelance | 04/09/22 |
| HTET AUNG | Journalist | Freelance | 2022 |
| ZIN NAING | Journalist | Media Development Group | 18/11/22 |
| ZAW ZAW | Reporter | Freelance | 01/08/21 |
| MYO SAN SOE | Reporter | Freelance | 25/07/21 |
| THAN SOE AUNG | Reporter | Media Development Group | 29/10/23 |
| SHIN DEVI | freelance video journalist/ film maker | Irrawaddy Burmese | 01/09/23 |
| | | Delta News Agency | 10/04/22 |
| | | Freelancer | 29/10/21 |
| | | freelancer of RFA Burmese | 07/03/22 |
| | | | 10/15/2023 |

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| NEPAL | | | |
| GAJENDRA RAI | reporter | Nigrani Post; Radio Nepal | 26/11/22 |

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| NICARAGUA | | | |
| JOSÉ RUBÉN ZAMORA | Founder | El Periódico | 14/06/24 |

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| PAKISTAN | | | |
| FAYAZ ZAFAR | senior journalist | Khyber Pakhtunkhwa | 30/08/23 |
| MOHAMMAD TAHIR SADID | Exiled Afghan journalist | TV One | 23/06/23 |

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| PHILIPPINES | | | |
| FRENCHIE MAE CUMPIO | journalist | Eastern Vista | 07/02/20 |

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| POLAND | | | |
| PABLO GONZÁLEZ | Freelance | | 28/02/22 |

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| RUSSIAN FEDERATION & TEMPORARILY OCCUPIED TERRITORIES OF UKRAINE | | | |
| AMET SULEYMANOV | | | |
| ASAN AKHTEMOV | | | |
| DMYTRO KHILYUK | | | |
| ERNES AMETOV | | | |
| IRYNA DANILOVICH | | | |

IRYNA LEVCHENKO
 MARLEN ASANOV
 OSMAN ARIFMEMETOV
 REMZI BEKIROV
 RUSTEM SHEIKHALIEV
 SERHIY TSYHIPA
 SERVER MUSTAFAYEV
 SEYRAN SALIEV
 TIMUR IBRAGIMOV
 VICTORIA ROSCHINA
 VILEN TEMERYANOV
 VLADISLAV YESYPENKO
 ABDULMUMIN GADZHIEV
 ALEKSANDR DOROGOV
 ALEKSANDRA BAYAZITOVA
 ALEKSEI SLOBODENYUK
 ALEXANDER NOZDRINOV
 ALSU KURMASHEVA
 ANDREI NOVASHOV
 ANDREY PYZH
 DENIS SHAIKIN
 DMITRY IVANOV
 EDUARD SHMONIN
 EVAN GERSHKOVICH
 IGOR KUZNETSOV
 IVAN SAFRONOV
 MARIA PONOMARENKO
 MIKHAIL AFANASYEV
 ROMAN IVANOV
 RUSLAN USHAKOV
 SERGEY MIKHAYLOV
 VLADIMIR KARA-MURZA
 VLADISLAV MALUSHENKO
 YAN KATELEVSKIY
 YEVGENY MOSKVIN

SAUDI ARABIA

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| ABDULLAH AL-DUHAILAN | Journalist | El Hayate Newspaper | 04/04/19 |
| ABDULRAHMAN FARHANA | Journalist | Al-Sabeel | 2/20/2019 |
| ALAA BRINGY / ALAA BRINJI | Journalist | El Bilad Newspaper | 5/13/2014 |
| FAHD AL-SUNAI | Journalist | Al-Majd TV | 09/11/17 |
| THUMAR AL-MARZOUQI | Freelance journalist | | 04/04/19 |
| YAZED AL-FAIFI | Journalist | El-Watan Newspaper | 04/04/19 |
| ZANA CHAHRI | Journalist | Asr Magazine | NOVEMBER, 2019 |
| AHMED AL-SUWIAN | Chairman | Al-Bayan | 9/20/2017 |
| ALI AL-OMARI | Chairman | 4Shbab | 09 OU |
| MARWAN AL-MUREISI | Freelance reporter | | 10/09/2017 |
| MOHAMMED AL-SADIQ | Freelance journalist | | 06/01/18 |
| | | | 04/04/19 |

SRI LANKA

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| JEYARATNAM SRI RANGA | Senior Journalist | Shakthi TV; E.A.P Broadcasting Company; Sirasa TV; Swarnavahini Channel | 17/03/23 |
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| MOHAMED TAWFIK | Journalist | | 06/07/19 |
| JINDAR BARAKAT | Journalist | | 1/18/2022 |
| VIVAN FATAH | | Rowada | 02/02/22 |
| BAROMLOQ/ AHMED | | | 02/05/22 |
| SABRI FAKHRI | | ARK TV | 02/05/22 |
| AHMED SOFI | | ARK TV | 2/19/2022 |
| DAR ABDOU | | ARK TV | 2/19/2022 |
| WAADAH MAHEYEDDINE | | | 5/14/2022 |
| WISSAM AHMED ALI | | Watane | 5/15/2022 |
| MOHAMMED AL SAGHEER | Journalist | Alikhbaria TV | 06/07/19 |

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| ABDUSATTOR PIRMUHAMMADZODA | journalist | Sadoi Dushanbe radio station; 'Abdusattor Pirmukhammadzod' YouTube channel | 08/07/22 |
| ZAVKIBEK SAIDAMINI | journalist | First Channel of Tajikistan | 08/07/22 |
| AVAZMAT GURBATOV AKA | video journalist | freelance | 15/06/22 |
| ABDULLO GURBATI KHIKMATULLO | journalist | Najot | 16/09/15 |
| SAYFULLOZODA KHURSHED FOZILOV | journalist | freelance | 06/03/23 |

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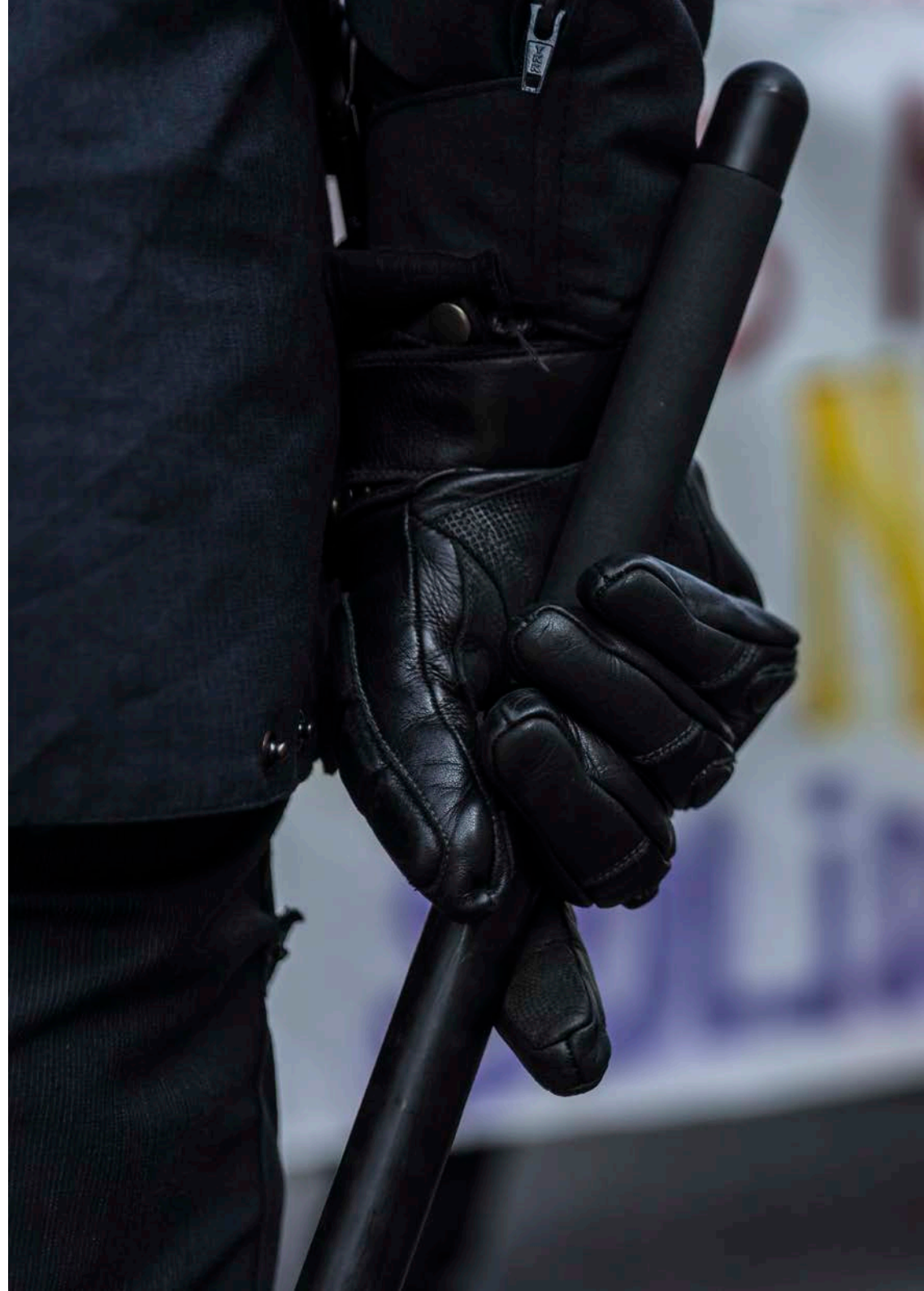
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The IFJ Global Charter of Ethics for Journalists was adopted at the 30th IFJ World Congress in Tunis on 12 June 2019. It completes the IFJ Declaration of Principles on the Conduct of Journalists (1954), known as the "Bordeaux Declaration"

The right of everyone to have access to information and ideas, reiterated in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, underpins the journalist's mission. The journalist's responsibility towards the public takes precedence over any other responsibility, in particular towards their employers and the public authorities. Journalism is a profession, which requires time, resources and the means to practise – all of which are essential to its independence. This international declaration specifies the guidelines of conduct for journalists in the research, editing, transmission, dissemination and commentary of news and information, and in the description of events, in any media whatsoever.

1. Respect for the facts and for the right of the public to truth is the first duty of the journalist.
2. In pursuance of this duty, the journalist shall at all times defend the principles of freedom in the honest collection and publication of news, and of the right of fair comment and criticism. He/she will make sure to clearly distinguish factual information from commentary and criticism.
3. The journalist shall report only in accordance with facts of which he/ she knows the origin. The journalist shall not suppress essential information or falsify any document. He/she will be careful to reproduce faithfully statements and other material that non-public persons publish in social media
4. The journalist shall use only fair methods to obtain information, images, documents and data and he/she will always report his/her status as a journalist and will refrain from using hidden recordings of images and sounds, except where it is impossible for him/her to collect information that is overwhelmingly in the public interest. He/she will demand free access to all sources of information and the right to freely investigate all facts of public interest.
5. The notion of urgency or immediacy in the dissemination of information shall not take precedence over the verification of facts, sources and/or the offer of a reply.
6. The journalist shall do the utmost to rectify any errors or published information which is found to be inaccurate in a timely, explicit, complete and transparent manner.
7. The journalist shall observe professional secrecy regarding the source of information obtained in confidence.
8. The journalist will respect privacy. He/she shall respect the dignity of the persons named and/or represented and inform the interviewee whether the conversation and other material is intended for publication. He/she shall show particular consideration to inexperienced and vulnerable interviewees.
9. Journalists shall ensure that the dissemination of information or opinion does not contribute to hatred or prejudice and shall do their utmost to avoid facilitating the spread of discrimination on grounds such as geographical, social or ethnic origin, race, gender, sexual orientation, language, religion, disability, political and other opinions.
10. The journalist will consider serious professional misconduct to be
 - plagiarism
 - distortion of facts
 - slander, libel, defamation, unfounded accusations
11. The journalist shall refrain from acting as an auxiliary of the police or other security services. He/she will only be required to provide information already published in a media outlet.
12. The journalist will show solidarity with his/her colleagues, without renouncing his/her freedom of investigation, duty to inform, and right to engage in criticism, commentary, satire and editorial choice.
13. The journalist shall not use the freedom of the press to serve any other interest and shall refrain from receiving any unfair advantage or personal gain because of the dissemination or non-dissemination of information. He/she will avoid - or put an end to - any situation that could lead him/her to a conflict of interest in the exercise of his/her profession. He/she will avoid any confusion between his activity and that of advertising or propaganda. He/she will refrain from any form of insider trading and market manipulation.
14. The journalist will not undertake any activity or engagement likely to put his/her independence in danger. He/she will, however, respect the methods of collection/dissemination of information that he / she has freely accepted, such as "off the record", anonymity, or embargo, provided that these commitments are clear and unquestionable.
15. Journalists worthy of the name shall deem it their duty to observe faithfully the principles stated above. They may not be compelled to perform a professional act or to express an opinion that is contrary to his/her professional conviction or conscience.
16. Within the general law of each country the journalist shall recognize in matters of professional honour, the jurisdiction of independent self-regulatory bodies open to the public, to the exclusion of every kind of interference by governments or others.



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