

# **Media Genocide**

**Documentation of the stories  
of the martyrdom of 125 Palestinian journalists  
during the Israeli war on Gaza in 2023-2024**

**Documentation Team:**

Rasha Abu Jalal

Yahya Al-Yaqoubi

Ahmed Abu Qamar

**Supervised and edited by:**

Saleh Masharqa

**2024**

## **Media Genocide**

Documentation of the stories of the martyrdom of 125 Palestinian journalists during the Israeli war on Gaza in 2023-2024

### **Documentation Team:**

Rasha Abu Jalal, Yahya Al-Yaqoubi, Ahmed Abu Qamar

### **Supervised and Edited by:**

Saleh Masharqa

### **Publisher:**

Media Development Center - Birzeit University: P.O. Box: 14, Birzeit - Palestine

(2) 2982044 | [www.birzeit.edu](http://www.birzeit.edu) | [UPU@birzeit.edu](mailto:UPU@birzeit.edu) | 009

**Arabic Language Proofreading:** Khalil Harb

**Graphic Design:** Asem Nasser



The content of this book, and the views expressed within, are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not represent the positions of Birzeit University or the donor.

## Table of Content:

The Martyred Journalist Ibrahim Lafi's: Israeli Fires Ends his Dream of Global Recognition	16
The Martyred Journalist Muhammad Al-Salhi, the First Martyr of the Aggression	18
The Martyred Journalist Muhammad Jargoun: A Window to the World on Events in Eastern Rafah	20
The Martyred Journalist Said Taweel went to cover the events but became a Breaking News	22
The Martyred Journalist Hisham Al-Nawajha: "I Love You. Take Care of the Kids. Forgive Me"	25
The Martyred Journalist Salam Meema: The Dream She Saw Became True	27
The Martyred Journalist Mustafa Al-Naqeeb: Killed with His Wife, Daughter, and Several Family Members	29
The Martyred Journalist Rajab Al-Naqeeb: Died with 16 Family Members	31
The Martyred Journalist Abdul Rahman Shehab: A Massacre in Jabalia Refugee Camp	34
The Martyred Journalist Muhammad Al-Hasani: A Family Massacre	36
The Martyred Journalist Ali Nasman: Israel Ends the Life of One of the Most Prominent Palestinian Comedians	38
The Martyred Journalist Youssef Dawas: Previously Received Death Threats	40
The Martyred Journalist Abdul Hadi Habib: Killed with His Wife, Her Mother, and his Five Daughters	42
The Martyred Journalist Issam Bahhar: Targeted Without Warning	44
The Martyred Journalist Mohammad Ballousha: The Active Editor at Palestine Today TV	46
The Martyred Journalist Samih Al-Nadi: An Unforgettable Memory in Every Home in Al-Nuseirat Camp	48
The Martyred Journalist Khalil Abu Azra: Killed with His Brother in an Airstrike on Al-Nasr Neighborhood	50
The Martyred Journalist A'ed Al-Najjar: Body Trapped Under Rubble for Months	52
The Martyred Journalist Iman Al-Oqaili: Her Death Alongside Her Two Children Shocked Everyone Who Knew Her	54
The Martyred Journalist Mohammad Ali: The Union Voice Advocating for Journalists' Rights	56
The Martyred Journalist Rushdi Al-Sarraj: We Will Leave Gaza Only to the Heaven	58
The Martyred Journalist Mohammed Lubbad - The Bridegroom Who Never Made it to His Wedding, and was Martyred with his Grandfather on the doorstep	60
The Martyred Journalist Salma Mukhaimer... Came for a Temporary Visit to Gaza and Settled in a Permanent Grave	62
The Martyred Journalist Saed Al-Halabi... Lived His Life Quietly and Left It while he was asleep	65
The Martyred Journalist Zahir Al-Afghani... You Left Us too Soon, Our Colleague	67
The Martyred Journalist "Doa'a Sharaf":The Evening is No Longer Colorful	69
The Martyred Journalist Majd Arandas... His Lens Painted Artistic Scenes of Gaza's Beauty	71
The Martyred Journalist Mohammad Abu Hatab... His Last Television Appearance	73
The Martyred Journalist Haitham Harara... A Martyr Among the Convoy of the Wounded	75

The Martyred Journalist Mohammad Abu Hasira... Martyred Alongside His Wife and 4 Children in a Family Massacre	77
The Martyred Journalist Mohammad Al-Jajah... Mourners Returned to mourn Him	79
The Martyred Journalist Ahmad Al-Qara... A Bright Face of Al-Aqsa University	81
The Martyred Journalist Mousa Al-Barsh... Founder of Nama Radio	83
The Martyred Journalist Yaqoub Al-Barsh, the Legal Journalist Leaves Us	85
The Martyred Journalist Ahmed Foteima: Egypt's Eye that Wept for Gaza	87
The Martyred Journalist Huthaifa Loulou: Four Months Beneath the Rubble	89
The Martyred Journalist Musab Ashour: Four Days Beneath the Rubble	91
The Martyred Journalist Mustafa Al-Sawaf "The Dean"	93
The Martyred Journalist Abdel Halim Awad: "The Live Broadcast Dynamo"	96
The Martyred Journalist Amro Abu Haya: The Quiet Tech Journalist departs quietly	98
The Martyred Journalist Sari Mansour: Died while Napping with His Colleague Hassouna	100
The Martyred Journalist Hassouna Salim: It was truly the last video	102
The Martyred Journalist Bilal Jadallah: The Ambassador of Palestinian Media and its Face to Foreign Delegations	104
The Martyred Journalist Alaa Al-Hasanat: Israeli Missiles Silenced Gaza's Comedy Voice	107
The Martyred Journalist Asim Al-Bursh: He Refused to Flee and Chose to Document the Scenes of War	109
The Martyred Journalist Alaa' Al-Nimr: An Israeli Airstrike Ends the Dreams of a Promising Voice-Over Artist	111
The Martyred Journalist Jamal Haniyeh: An Israeli Airstrike Ended His Life before he celebrates the birth of his First Daughter	113
The Martyred Journalist Muhammad Al-Zaq: Bids Farewell to His Camera Before His Departure	116
The Martyred Journalist Muhammad Ayyash: Israel Denied Him the Chance to Hear His Child Call him "Dad"	118
The Martyred Journalist Jamal Al-Faq'awi: Survived Cancer to be Killed by Israel	120
The Martyred Journalist Ahmad Abu Mahadi: A Victim of Random Israeli Airstrikes	122
The Martyred Journalist Yasser Abu Namous: Awaited His Daughter "Siwar" Only to Die Together	124
The Martyred Journalist Nazmi Al-Nadeem: Killed Alongside His Sons, Wife, and Three Brothers	126
The Martyred Journalist Adham Hassouna: Taken Before He Could Achieve His Dream of Becoming a Filmmaker	128
The Martyred Journalist Montaser Al-Sawwaf: "Continued Coverage Until Martyrdom"	130
The Martyred Journalist Hassan Farajallah: "The Journalist Who Knew a Little About Everything"	132
The Martyred Journalist Hamada Al-Yazji: A Rising Star with Multiple Skills	134
The Martyred Journalist Abdul Hamid Al-Qurainawi: Gaza's Stadiums Will Miss You	136
The Martyred Journalist Ola Attallah: The Holder of the Creative Pen	138
The Martyred Journalist Du'aa Al-Jabour: "Surviving Death Every Night is Exhausting"	140
The Martyred Journalist Abdul Karim Ouda: He Went to Find Food for His Family and Returned a Martyr	142
The Martyred Journalist Mishaal Shahwan: A Missile Silenced the Voice of Truth	144

The Martyred Journalist Nirmeen Qawas: Killed with Her Husband and Two Daughters in an Airstrike	146
The Martyred Journalist Ahmad Abu Absa: Executed by a Tank Shell	148
The Martyred Photojournalist Ali Ashour: A Sniper ended His Life	150
The Martyred Journalist Hanan Ayyad: Killed Alongside Her Husband and Child	152
The Martyred Journalist Samer Abu Duqqa: They Killed him While Holding His Camera, and Injured his Colleague Dahdouh	154
The Martyred Journalist Rami Bdeir: Killed While Trying to Help Injured Al Jazeera Journalists	156
The Martyred Journalist Asim Mousa: An Israeli Airstrike killed the Man with the Distinguished Smile	158
The Martyred Journalist Haneen Al-Qatshan: "I am Strong, But Not Enough to Survive the Night Alone"	160
The Martyred Journalist Abdullah Alwan: The Voice Fades, but the Legacy Remains	162
The Martyred Journalist Adel Zaarab: A Long Journey in Journalism and Charity	164
The Martyred Journalist Marwan Al-Sawwaf: Unable to Escape Death Twice	166
The Martyred Journalist Ala'a Abu Ma'amar: Victim of a Horrific Israeli Massacre	168
The Martyred Filmmaker and Journalist Mohammad Khalifa: An Israeli Airstrike Brings Down the Curtain	170
The Martyred Journalist Ahmed Al-Madhoun: Farewell to the "Spokesman of Journalists"	172
The Martyred Journalist Mohamed Abu Hweidi: The Last Photo	174
The Martyred Journalist Mohamed Al-Zeitounia: He was killed with his father, brother and cousin	176
The Martyred Journalist Mohammad Al-Af: Following in the Path of Shireen Abu Akleh	178
The Martyred Journalist Ahmed Khair Al-Din: 82 Days of Continuous Work Ended in Eternal Rest	180
The Martyred Journalist Mohammad Khair Al-Din: "These May Be Our Last Hours. Forgive Us"	182
The Martyred Journalist Jaber Abu Hadrour: "We Are All on Your Path Until the Last Palestinian Journalist"	184
The Martyred Journalist Nirmeen Haboush: The Last Phone Call	186
The Martyred Journalist Akram Al-Shafie: His Profession Could Not Save His Life	188
The Martyred Journalist Hiba Al-Abadleh: "We are humans made of clay, water, and a lot of dignity"	190
The Martyred Journalist Ali Abu Ajwa: Killed by Israel for Being the Grandson of Hamas' Founder	192
The Martyred Journalist Hamza Al-Dahdouh: "You Are the Patient One, Father" was His Last Message	194
The Martyred Journalist Mustafa Thoria: His Aerial Shots Were Not Tolerated by Israeli Forces	196
The Martyred Journalist Mohammed Abu Dayer: The Television Director Trainer Who Was Killed While Displaced	198
The Martyred Journalist Abdullah Brais: Dreamt of Improving Gaza's Education Sector	200
The Martyred Journalist Ahmad Bdeir: "Grief Comes Once and Forever"	202
The Martyred journalist Fouad Abu Khammash: "There is nothing stopping me from delivering my message"	204
The Martyred Journalist Sharif Okasha: A Strike Ended His Life on the Day of His Job Interview	206
The Martyred Journalist Yazan Al-Zuwaydi: "The Active Journalist," Companion of the Camera	209

The Martyred Journalist Wael Abu Fanouna: A Message Sealed with Blood	212
The Martyred Journalist Iyad Al-Rawagh: A Plea Silenced by Israeli Missiles	215
The Martyred Journalist Issam Al-Loulou: Israeli Raid Claims the Life of the “Palestine” Broadcaster	217
The Martyred Journalist Mohammad Atta Allah: “You Were Next, Our Colleague”	219
The Martyred Journalist Dr. Rizq Al-Ghrabaly: Killed on His Birthday After a Life Rich in Knowledge and Dedication	221
The Martyred Journalist Nafez Hamdan: A Legacy to Be Passed Down Through Generations	223
The Martyred Journalist Yasser Al-Fadi: A Sniper’s Bullet Assassinates the Truth	225
The Martyred Journalist Alaa Al-Hams: No More Anxiety, No More Pain of Loss, No More Physical Suffering from Today Forward	227
The Martyred Journalist Angham Adwan: Farewell to the Voice of Palestine to Libya	230
The Martyred Journalist Ayman Al-Rafati: An Israeli Missile Against the Palestinian Word	232
The Martyred Journalist Musab Abu Zaid: The War Machine Silenced the Voice of the Broadcaster and Followed Him to His Home	235
The Martyred Journalist Zaid Abu Zayed: Quran Radio Mourns the Loss of Its Director	237
The Martyred Journalist Ihab Nasrallah: Parents Martyred, Children Wounded	239
The Martyred Journalist Mohammed Yaghi: A Documentary Cut Short by Israeli Violence	241
The Martyred Journalist Mohammed Salameh: the friend of the microphone and the owner of a unique radio voice	243
The Martyred Journalist Mohammed Al-Rifi: Fell While Documenting the “Flour Massacre”	246
The Martyred Journalist Abd Al-Rahman Saima: A Journalist Who Took His Last Breath in Front of His Child	248
The Martyred Journalist Mohammad Adel Abu Sukheil: He Took Refuge in Al-Shifa Hospital and Was Buried There	250
The Martyred Journalist Mohamed Al-Sayed Abu Sukheil: The Eye and Heartbeat of “Al-Quds” for the Love of Palestine	252
The Martyred Journalist Bassam Hassouna: The Army Blew Up His House and Burned His Body During the Explosion	255
The Martyred Journalist Mahmoud Issa: A Family’s Collective Departure	257
The Martyred Journalist Tareq Abu Sukheil: A Witness to Al-Shifa Hospital Massacre	259
The Martyred Journalist Saher Rayan: He and His Son Paid Their Lives to Save the Wounded	261
The Martyred Journalist Abdul Wahab Abu Aoun: The Camera’s Companion and the Camp’s Mirror	263
The Martyred Journalist Amina Hameed: An Israeli Missile claimed Her Life Along with Her Firstborn Son and Youngest Daughter	265
The Martyred Journalist Mohammad Al-Jamal: Killed Alongside Five Family Members and Relatives	268
Martyr Photojournalist Ibrahim Al-Gharbawi: The Show Ended, and the Camera Fell	270
The Martyred Journalist Salem Abu Tyoor: Tomorrow We Will Be Just a Memory	272
The Martyred Journalist Mustafa Ayyad: Documented Scenes of Death and Destruction, Then His Home Was Bombed	274
The Martyred Journalist Bahaa Akasha: Israel Waited for Him to Return Home, Then Assassinated Him and His Family	276
The Martyred Journalist Mahmoud Jahjough: Israel Ends His Life While He was asleep with His Family	279

## Compelling Evidence indicates that Media Genocide Occurred in the Gaza Strip

**By: Saleh Masharqa**

In mid-2023, the Media Development Center's initial agreement with UNESCO and the Global Media Defence Fund was not intended to focus on documenting martyred journalists. Instead, the plan was to leverage investigative journalism to contribute to global efforts aimed at combating the impunity of those responsible for crimes against journalists.

The agreement centered on producing five investigative reports detailing the assassinations and violations against journalists. These reports were to cover the martyrdoms of journalists Yaser Murtaja and Ahmed Abu Hussein in 2018, the blinding of journalist Muath Amarna, the violations of rights experienced by journalists with Israeli citizenship in the 1948-occupied territories, and a gender-sensitive report addressing the violations faced by Palestinian female journalists.

However, just two weeks into preparing the hypotheses and commencing the work on these investigations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the political situation took a devastating turn. Israel's genocidal war on Gaza erupted on October 7, 2023, and the situation deteriorated rapidly. The number of murdered Palestinian journalists began to climb at an alarming rate: first one, then two, then ten, and now, as this book is being finalized, the death toll has reached 146 journalists.

This catastrophic escalation forced an inevitable shift in the project's direction. The war disrupted all initial plans, making it clear that a new approach was necessary. We redirected our focus to documenting the stories of these martyred journalists. While our overarching goal remained the same—to fight the impunity of those who commit crimes against journalists—our method shifted from investigative reporting to documentation. Through a storytelling approach, we began gathering data that could one day support the prosecution of those responsible for these heinous acts.

Journalists Rasha Abu Jallal, Muhannad Al-Yaqoubi, and Ahmad Abu Qamar worked relentlessly to document the lives of the deceased. They employed a comprehensive methodology that blended biographical storytelling with meticulous documentation. For each journalist, they gathered details about their social background, education, and professional life, collected links to photos or videos of their work, and chronicled the moments leading to their martyrdom. They also investigated the threats and targeting these journalists faced and formulated hypotheses of intentional assassination. Testimonies from relatives, colleagues, doctors, and both local and international human rights organizations were carefully compiled. This book, though painful in content, documents the deaths of 125 journalists by Israeli forces in Gaza, while work to record the lives of additional martyred journalists remains to be completed in future efforts.

We respectfully ask all readers, owners, or users of this book to note that it documents the lives of 125 journalists, though the actual number of martyred journalists is higher. Due to the constraints of the project's timeline, the ongoing war, and various administrative and financial challenges, we have been compelled to release the book at this point. The documentation of the remaining stories will be pursued at the earliest possible opportunity.

### **Media Genocide - An Independent Crime?**

In 2023, South Africa and other freedom-loving nations succeeded in demonstrating that Israel's war on Gaza was not a lawful conflict, but rather genocide, as defined by the 1948 Genocide Convention. Despite Israel's attempts to evade accountability, intellectual and legal efforts from scholars, universities, unions, and justice advocates succeeded in highlighting its culpability, even though, as usual, no tangible punishment followed.

Among the atrocities committed during this genocide, a new chapter emerged—one that has been largely overlooked by international observers: the systematic targeting and killing of journalists. Journalists were bombed, their families attacked, their movements tracked, and their offices destroyed through airstrikes. Their assets and equipment were obliterated, their communication channels jammed, and websites crashed. Ambulances were prevented from reaching wounded journalists, leaving them to die from untreated injuries. Artificial intelligence



was deployed to monitor, track, and target them, adding to the already lethal arsenal used against them.

These crimes, targeting journalists amidst the genocidal war in Gaza, are documented in this book. They provide an opportunity for local and international organizations to classify or describe these crimes more comprehensively. Whether they are labeled as secondary offenses or independent crimes, they are all related to a “systematic intent” to exterminate journalists—whether by killing them individually, alongside their families, or among their colleagues through the destruction of media offices. The goal was to silence their voices, terrify survivors into submission, and ensure that the genocide would proceed without media scrutiny.

Is it possible, then, to refer to this as “media genocide”? The killing of human communication, the elimination of witnesses, the silencing of the victim’s final cry, the erasure of narratives and memories, the removal of fingerprints, and the destruction of crime scenes—all are accurate descriptions of what occurred. The genocide of journalists in Gaza demands a resounding “yes” to the notion that the world must respond. The time has come for the global community to consider the creation of a new term specifically addressing crimes against journalists, along with new legal frameworks, courts, and institutions to prevent Israel—and others—from continuing to commit these crimes with impunity.

However, this is not merely a philosophical question. Rather, it is a call to all global organizations to prosecute Israel using the evidence documented in this book, to ensure that it does not evade accountability. Such prosecution would serve as a powerful lesson to all of humanity regarding the need to address crimes against journalists.

This book offers numerous hypotheses regarding the deliberate killings and targeted attacks on journalists. One particularly compelling example is the case of Al Jazeera journalist Samer Abu Daqa.

### **Killing, Denial of Medical Care, and Targeting Rescuers**

One of the most striking pieces of evidence for the deliberate targeting of journalists is the assassination of Al Jazeera journalist Samer Abu Daqa. On Saturday, December 15, 2023, Samer was killed by a missile

fired from an Israeli drone while covering an airstrike on Farhana School in the town of Abasan, east of Khan Younis. Samer and his colleague, Wael Al Dahdouh, had arrived at the school with an ambulance authorized to evacuate a family trapped inside.

Both Abu Daqa and Al Dahdouh were clearly identifiable as journalists, wearing helmets and bulletproof vests marked with press insignia. Despite this, they were deliberately targeted, illustrating a clear intention to kill journalists even as they attempted to report on the suffering of civilians and provide humanitarian assistance.

For six hours, Abu Daqa lay on the ground, bleeding and surrounded by soldiers and snipers near Farhana School. During this time, Al Jazeera continuously broadcasted an open plea, calling on all organizations to send an ambulance to rescue Abu Daqa. However, Israeli forces refused to allow medical assistance and left him to bleed to death.

The world was shocked by Abu Daqa's martyrdom, which unfolded live on air, as viewers witnessed Israeli forces preventing an ambulance from reaching him. This event marked the execution of a premeditated crime. Israel had deliberately launched a missile at two Palestinian journalists. One of them barely survived and fled Gaza, aware that he had been specifically targeted, while his colleague, Abu Daqa, died after being left to bleed on the ground.

In the same incident, Israeli forces also killed photojournalist Rami Bdeir, who worked in the media department of Civil Defense, along with two of his colleagues, as they attempted to reach Abu Daqa. This book includes the testimony of Khattab Ammar, a colleague of the martyred Rami, who explained that an airstrike was deliberately launched against the civil defense unit attempting to rescue Abu Daqa.

### **Targeting Politically Affiliated Journalists**

The documentation compiled in this book reveals that the assassinations of journalists were predominantly focused on those linked to Palestinian resistance factions or working for media institutions associated with these groups, even if the journalists themselves were not politically affiliated. For example, 14 journalists from Al-Aqsa TV and Radio, which

is affiliated with Hamas movement, were assassinated. These journalists include television director Samih Al-Nadi, photojournalist Khalil Abu Atherah, journalist Omar Rabah Abu Hayya, journalist Ahmad Abu Mahadi, photojournalist Mohammad Khair Al-Din, journalist Ihab Nasrallah, broadcaster Mohammad Salama, photojournalist Abdullah Darwish, journalist Hani Ibrahim Al-Madhoun, photojournalist Sameh Mohammad Al-Arian, photojournalist Hossam Mohammad Salama, photojournalist Mahmoud Ali Ahmad Al-Koumi, journalist Abdul-Halim Mohammad Abdul-Fattah Awad, and journalist Iyad Al-Ruwagh.

It is important to note that the killing of some journalists was not incidental. Mustafa Al-Sawaf, a well-known journalist affiliated with Hamas movement, was martyred along with two of his journalist sons in airstrikes that strongly suggest Al-Sawaf was personally targeted. On Saturday, November 18, 2023, occupation forces bombed Al-Sawaf's house in Al-Shawa Square in the center of Gaza City, resulting in the deaths of him, his father, mother, two brothers, their children, and numerous other family members. The total death toll from this bombing reached 48.

In this horrific incident, Al-Sawaf's son, Montaser, a photojournalist working with Anadolu Agency, was martyred. His other son, Mohammad, a director at Alef Multimedia Agency, was critically injured. Tragically, two weeks later, on Friday, December 1, 2023, his second son, Marwan, who had survived the initial bombing, was also martyred in a similar airstrike.

The assassination of journalist Wael Abu Fanouneh further underscores the targeting of Palestinian journalists. On Thursday, January 18, 2024, Israeli security forces admitted to his elimination while he was at his workplace at Al-Quds Al-Youm TV. Israeli sources claimed that Abu Fanouneh was the deputy director of the media apparatus for the Islamic Jihad movement, linking his assassination to his alleged political affiliations.

Young journalist Mohammad Adel Abu Sukheil was executed by Israeli special units on Monday, March 18, 2024. Wearing his press uniform, Abu Sukheil, who headed the editing department at Shams News Agency (affiliated with the Islamic Jihad movement), was found murdered on the surgery floor of Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City. This massacre, which occurred during an Israeli raid, resulted in the deaths of patients, medical staff, and displaced civilians seeking refuge in the hospital.

Similarly, on Thursday, October 12, 2023, Israeli forces killed journalist and

researcher Abdul Rahman Shehab (54 years old), a known affiliate of the Islamic Jihad movement, along with 44 members of his family. They were taking shelter in a family home in Jabalia refugee camp when Israeli forces bombed the house without prior warning. The attack claimed the lives of Shehab, his elderly mother, wife, children—Bilal (6), Rita (7), and Lotus (10)—and 23 other children, 11 women, and elderly men from the family.

### **The Killing of Journalists Under the Pretext of Operating a Drone**

On Sunday, January 7, 2024, occupation forces assassinated journalists Hamza Wael Al-Dahdouh and his colleague Mustafa Thuraya. The two were killed when a missile struck the car they were in, near a group of journalists located between Rafah and Khan Younis. Days later, Israeli military sources admitted responsibility for their assassination, justifying the strike by alleging that the journalists were involved with military wings of resistance factions and operating a suspicious drone. However, eyewitnesses and journalists present at the scene refuted these claims, confirming that Al-Dahdouh and Thuraya were merely capturing aerial footage of food aid distribution to displaced persons.

Journalist Hamza Al-Dahdouh was the son of the well-known Al Jazeera correspondent Wael Al-Dahdouh. In numerous interviews, Wael Al-Dahdouh has openly stated that Israel deliberately targeted his family to silence his reporting. He described the attack as an act of revenge, pointing out that Israeli forces assassinated his wife, son, daughter, and grandson in November 2023, followed by the killing of his journalist son, Hamza.

In early May 2024, Reporters Without Borders filed a complaint with the International Criminal Court (ICC), which included the cases of martyred journalists Hamza Al-Dahdouh and Mustafa Thuraya. The organization urged the ICC's prosecutor to investigate the crimes committed against at least nine Palestinian journalists between January 15, 2023, and May 20, 2024.

### **The Killing of Journalists Using Artificial Intelligence Systems**

There has been widespread suspicion surrounding Israel's use of artificial intelligence (AI) systems to track and target Palestinian journalists in Gaza. Tim Dawson, Deputy Secretary-General of the International

Federation of Journalists, spoke before the British Parliament, expressing grave concerns:

“It appears that Israel has at its disposal an advanced AI-powered surveillance and targeting system known as Gospell (in Hebrew, Habsura), which enables precise killings and tracks individuals as they return to their homes and workplaces.”

In May 2024, Dawson cast doubt on the notion that the killing of journalists in Gaza was accidental, citing the high number of journalist fatalities as evidence that they were being deliberately targeted. Data shows that 146 journalists were killed, representing about 12% of the total number of journalists in Gaza. This high percentage strengthens the argument that journalists were not merely caught in the crossfire but were systematically hunted.

On April 15, 2024, UN-appointed rapporteurs issued a statement condemning Israel’s use of AI programs for targeting and killing journalists, naming three specific programs: Gospell, Lavender, and Where’s Daddy.

These programs were also identified in an investigative report by **972+ Magazine**, in collaboration with **The Guardian**. The investigation revealed that the Israeli surveillance system “Lavender” identified 37,000 human targets at the onset of the war. The system operates in three stages: first, it identifies a target, then a second program called “Where’s Daddy” monitors the target’s return to family members. Finally, a so-called “dumb bomb” is directed at the target’s location, executing the strike.

The documentation in this book details instances where the use of AI technology in assassinations is suspected, particularly when journalists were targeted after returning to their homes. For example, Palestinian TV journalist Mohammad Abu Hatab was martyred just moments after entering his home on Tuesday, December 2, 2023. Missiles struck the house, killing him along with 11 family members, including his wife, eldest son Asem, and brother Islam.

The documentation includes two testimonies suggesting that Abu Hatab was tracked and assassinated using Israeli AI systems. Palestine TV posted on its Telegram account: “Our colleague Abu Hatab was deliberately assassinated moments after entering his home.” Similarly, his colleague Ibrahim Qannan, a correspondent for Al-Ghad TV in Khan Younis, stated:

“He was with us at Nasser Medical Complex just half an hour before his martyrdom. He went to see his children after being away from them for several days, and was martyred shortly after arriving home.”

There are significant indications suggesting Israeli artificial intelligence (AI) involvement in the assassination of journalist Mohammad Khair Al-Din. After being away for an extended period due to his coverage of the war, he returned home, only to be killed shortly after. On December 28, 2023, an Israeli airstrike targeted his six-story home in Beit Lahia, killing 21 people, including 13 members of his family, his cousin (also named Mohammad Khair Al-Din, who worked for Al-Aqsa TV), and nine neighbors.

Journalist Basel Khair Al-Din, who worked alongside his brother Ahmed, provided a poignant testimony, describing a scenario that bears the hallmarks of AI-targeted assassination. He expressed his sorrow on YouTube, lamenting the price journalists pay for their work. Basel recounted how his brother had worked continuously for 82 days covering the conflict, and when he finally returned home to rest, he was killed in the airstrike.

Similarly, the martyrdom of journalist Bahaa Oukashah strongly suggests AI involvement. Oukashah, a prominent photojournalist for Al-Aqsa Media Network, was killed shortly after returning to his home in the Jabalia refugee camp. On Saturday, May 11, 2024, Israeli forces bombed his home in Al Qasasib neighborhood, killing Oukashah, his wife, and their son Hamza. Multiple media outlets reported that the Israeli military had specifically waited for Oukashah to return home to carry out the assassination. Oukashah was known for using drones to cover events, and the attack appeared to be meticulously planned and executed.

## **Sniper Bullets Targeting Journalists in Uniform**

The documentation also reveals a disturbing trend: journalists in Gaza being killed by Israeli snipers, despite wearing press uniforms that clearly identified them. These cases suggest deliberate targeting for assassination, as snipers are known for their precision and ability to clearly identify their targets.

One such case is the killing of journalist Yasser Al-Qadi from Kanaan News Agency on Sunday, February 11, 2024. Al-Qadi was documenting the dire

conditions at Nasser Medical Complex, where patients, their families, and displaced persons were besieged. While walking around the complex with his camera, an Israeli sniper shot and killed him. His colleague, journalist Mohammad Shahin, confirmed this deliberate targeting, stating: “The deliberate sniping of journalist Yasser Al-Qadi by the Israeli occupation, although he was wearing a press vest, is a premeditated war crime.” The Palestinian Journalists’ Syndicate also condemned the killing, declaring that Israel had “deliberately assassinated journalist Al-Qadi.”

Another sniper assassination occurred on November 20, 2023, when journalist Asem Al-Barsh, who worked as a broadcaster and sound technician at Al-Rai Radio, was killed in Al Safatawi area, north of Gaza. Al-Barsh had refused to flee to the southern part of Gaza, choosing to stay in his home in Gaza City to document the Israeli bombardment.

Similarly, on December 13, 2023, an Israeli sniper killed journalist Ali Ashour while he was covering an Israeli military incursion into Tal Al-Hawa neighborhood in Gaza City. Ashour, 37 years old, was no stranger to being targeted. In 2016, he was injured by an explosive bullet fired by Israeli forces while covering clashes east of Al-Bureij camp. Despite wearing a press vest, Ashour sustained severe leg injuries that nearly required amputation, forcing him to take an extended break from journalism for treatment. After eight months, he returned to work, but his recovery was incomplete, and he continued to suffer from mobility issues.



## The Martyred Journalist Ibrahim Lafi's: Israeli Fires Ends his Dream of Global Recognition

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Young photojournalist Ibrahim Lafi, just 24, was actively documenting intense clashes between Palestinian resistance fighters and the Israeli army at the Erez crossing in northern Gaza on October 7, 2023. Amid his efforts to capture the scene, Israeli missiles struck, engulfing the area around Ibrahim in flames, rubble, and dust.

This is how a Palestinian journalist, who chose to remain anonymous, described what happened that day. This journalist was standing next to Ibrahim, who dreamed of achieving a distinguished position among his fellow journalists.

Ibrahim was known among his colleagues for his strong ambition to reach international recognition, as well as his innate and kind smile. The anonymous journalist added: "Ibrahim was performing his professional duties, covering the events of the Palestinian resistance's incursion into this border crossing, on the first day of the Israeli war on Gaza. He was standing in a spot he thought was safe, wearing a vest and helmet clearly marked with 'Press,' but he didn't survive."

No one expected the event to end in such a tragic way. Ibrahim, who worked for "Ain Media," a company specialized in Palestinian film production, had left his home after receiving a press call about the clashes to do his job, a job supposedly protected by international law.

Born on October 14, 1999, in Rafah, southern Gaza, Ibrahim left his family of seven members without saying goodbye. Grief engulfed his family after receiving the news of his martyrdom.



Ibrahim's body returned from the crossing, carried on the shoulders of mourners, and his family and friends organized a grand funeral for him. Among the friends present at his funeral was Rushdi Al-Sarraj, one of the founders of Ain Media, who was later killed in an Israeli airstrike that targeted his family's home in Tel Al-Hawa neighborhood in southern Gaza City on October 22, 2023.

On October 7, 2023, Al-Sarraj had posted on Facebook mourning his colleague Ibrahim: "My right-hand man is gone... Ibrahim is gone. He lived as a man and died as a man, he was a true gentleman. I am saddened by your departure and that I cannot be with you to bid you farewell."

The aforementioned journalist, who requested anonymity, said: "Ibrahim, Rushdi, and before them Yasser Murtaja, who was deliberately killed by Israel while covering the Great March of Return in 2018, were the three main pillars of Ain Media, that exposed Israel's crimes."

He added: "Israel deliberately targets those working in this institution due to its important role in producing films that highlight the human side of Palestinians lives. This disturbs Israel, which wants the world to see Palestinians as 'human animals'."

Ibrahim Lafi, with his two colleagues Rushdi Al-Sarraj and Yasser Murtaja, produced at Ain Media many Palestinian films that focused on the Israeli blockade imposed on Gaza since 2007. These films highlighted the brighter side of life in the Gaza Strip despite the ongoing siege.

Lafi shared his work on social media platforms, particularly Facebook and Instagram, where his creative depictions of life in Gaza gained widespread admiration among his followers.

On October 18, 2023, Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO, has condemned the killing of journalist Ibrahim Mohammad Lafi in Palestine on 7 October 2023. She stated: "I condemn the killing of journalist Ibrahim Mohammad Lafi. Media workers provide verified news in times of conflict and must therefore be protected against all forms of attack."

She also called for the respect of the UN Security Council Resolution 2222/2015 on the protection of journalists, media professionals and associated personnel as civilians in situations of conflict, and for an independent investigation into this killing.



## The Martyred Journalist Muhammad Al-Salhi, the First Martyr of the Aggression

**By: Yahya Al-Yaqubi**

On the morning of Saturday, October 7, 2023, photojournalist Muhammad Al-Salhi woke up to the sound of missiles and news of the resistance crossing into the Israeli settlements adjacent to the Gaza Strip, followed by a series of events along the eastern border of the Gaza Strip.

Al-Salhi prepared his camera and headed towards the border fence to document what was happening, and the targeting of Palestinian civilians by Israeli soldiers, snipers, and aircraft near the fence, while they were trying to witness the events.

The camera's memory filled with numerous photos of what transpired east of the fence. Before he could return home to publish them, his camera was smashed, and his photos remained a witness to an Israeli crime against a Palestinian journalist who was simply doing his job, supposedly protected by international laws that the occupation and its soldiers blatantly disregarded.

While Al-Salhi was documenting the ongoing incidents east of Al-Bureij and standing near the border fence carrying two cameras, he was suddenly shot by Israeli soldiers. He was hit in the shoulder and chest, according to an eyewitness who was present at the scene.

Despite wearing a press vest and helmet, which should have offered him protection, the Israeli snipers disregarded these markers, and he was their primary target. Journalists have increasingly become key targets for the Israeli military in its war on the Gaza Strip, with more than 100

journalists martyred.

A fellow journalist, Mahmoud, who was at the scene, recounted what happened: “When Al-Salhi was shot, he fell to the ground and bled for an hour. Only after the shooting subsided were the young men able to pull him out and provide medical assistance, but he had already been martyred.”

Mahmoud, who requested anonymity, didn’t initially realize what had happened to Al-Salhi, who was hundreds of meters away from him, until he saw a young man returning with the two cameras, one of which was smashed. The scene replayed in his mind as he says: “It was difficult. When the shooting started, we dropped to the ground until the gunfire stopped.”

Al-Salhi had been working as a freelance journalist since 2014, focusing on documenting events and covering pivotal milestones in the Palestinian history, including the “Return Marches.” He had dreamed of establishing a big media company.

Little did Al-Salhi know that he would become the first journalist martyr in the latest Israeli aggression on Gaza, with the occupation cutting short his dream of becoming a renowned photojournalist like many other prominent Palestinian reporters and photographers.

The Government Media Office and the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate mourned Al-Salhi and condemned the Israeli crime of deliberately targeting him, that aimed to distort the truth and prevent coverage of the occupation’s executions of civilians and bombings them near the border fence.



## The Martyred Journalist Muhammad Jargoun: A Window to the World on Events in Eastern Rafah

**By: Yahya Al-Yaqubi**

On October 7, 2023 dawn, as the events of “Al-Aqsa Flood” battle began, photojournalist Muhammad Sami Jargoun, who lived near the border fence in the eastern Rafah governorate, grabbed his camera and set off to document the events.

Jargoun’s camera captured a wide array of photos documenting the Israeli army’s crimes as he moved from one location to another in the rapidly unfolding events in eastern Rafah. Suddenly, Israeli warplanes and helicopters launched a random shooting spree, targeting all civilians in the area. A bullet hit Jargoun in the head, killing him instantly. The photos he took, which he never had the chance to be published, remain a testimony to the Israeli army’s crimes.

Muhammad worked at Smart Media Center. He was a young, ambitious, and dedicated individual, always striving to improve his skills and advance in the field of journalism, especially photography. He joined the center early, in 2014, and received beginner, intermediate, and advanced courses in journalist photography. The center’s management trusted him and chose him to work with them due to his high-level skills and his commitment to continuous improvement.

Often, Jargoun was the primary source of information for all local media outlets regarding any developments or events in eastern Rafah, given that he lived in the area. When the “Return Marches” began on Land Day, March 30, 2018, he took it upon himself to document all of the Israeli army’s crimes against peaceful demonstrators until the marches ended.

Due to his dedication to his work, Muhammad was promoted in “Smart

Media” and became responsible for filming all the events in eastern Rafah. He excelled in both photographic and video documentation.

Jamal Adwan, his manager in “Smart Media” described him as “a diligent young man who always led the frontlines in covering events. He was hardworking, always striving to improve his work and seeking quality. With his martyrdom, we lost one of the pillars of photography, and after his passing, we truly felt the magnitude of this void.”

Adwan added, “He was the main source of information. In the last days before the war, he documented the ‘night confusion’ activities in eastern Gaza. Even when the marches resumed a month before the war, he was one of the first to be on the scene, and he was the primary source of information for the incursions of Israeli tanks and bulldozers.”

Adwan mourned his loss: “It is painful that we couldn’t see him or participate in his funeral due to the rapid developments, given the circumstances of his martyrdom near the border. We mourned him as one of our finest colleagues.”

Adwan recalls his last contact with Muhammad: “We spoke three days before his martyrdom. I was following up on a film he was working on, and we discussed the details of the project. Part of the conversation was social, and we agreed to meet and go on a trip together.”

With sorrow in his voice, Adwan brings forth more memories: “I don’t recall him ever saying ‘no.’ He always fulfilled requests. An ambitious person like Muhammad was destined to become a prominent figure in media and photography as many other distinguished experts graduated by our center.”

Since the center provides free media services to journalists, including photography, electricity, and internet, the team received only small financial compensation, according to Adwan. Nevertheless, Muhammad accepted the modest sums in order to develop his skills, hoping to open doors to major media institutions in the future.

Speaking of this ambition, Adwan’s voice blends with pride: “He never complained about the low payments. He hoped to enjoy the opportunity that his colleagues who joined the center and became well-known, to secure a better future for himself and his family. He was married and had a daughter named Maha, and his wife was pregnant with another child.”



## The Martyred Journalist Said Taweel went to cover the events but became a Breaking News

**By: Yahya Al-Yaqubi**

The journalist Said Taweel's funeral was accompanied by symbols of his profession, a bloodstained press vest and a helmet that bore witness to his final message. Symbols that international laws should have protected their owners but failed to do so, and the word "PRESS" became a target for those seeking to distort the truth and prevent the world from seeing their crimes. Journalists at Al-Shifa Medical Complex gathered around the bodies of their martyred colleagues, Said Taweel and Muhammad Subh, offering a final farewell after they had just been taking images together.

They carried their bodies to burial, then returned with heavy hearts and tearful eyes to continue their mission. But it wasn't long before they found themselves mourning again—this time for their fellow journalist Hisham Al-Nawajha, who had been with Taweel and Subh when the air-strike ended their lives. Al-Nawajha died due to the injuries he sustained during the bombing.

Journalism is often referred to as the "profession of hardships," but in Palestine, those hardships are magnified. Journalists work in an environment where events and violations against the press are unceasing, forcing them to deliver the truth relentlessly, despite the danger.

Every morning, journalist Said Taweel greeted his Gaza audience with a special news brief titled "Morning News on the Go," written in a colloquial style that summarized the day's top headlines. His updates were well-received by the public, but in the end, Taweel himself became the breaking news.

On the evening of Monday, October 9, 2023, an alert was sent to Al Taweel, the editor-in-chief of the “Al-Khamisa” website, and his colleagues who gathered in their office in one of the towers in western Gaza City, where they were relocated after the Israeli military had bombed several towers that housed media outlets.

### **Under Bombardment**

The alert indicated that the Israeli military intended to bomb the “Hajji” tower in western Gaza City. When Said Taweel arrived, he stood 500 meters away from the tower, alongside his colleagues Hisham Al-Nawajha and Muhammad Suboh, who worked for Khabar Agency.

The journalists waited for the tower to be hit, preparing their cameras and phones to broadcast yet another Israeli crime. However, instead of striking the tower, the missile hit the building directly beneath them, as eyewitnesses reported, with the deliberate intent to kill them.

In an instant, the journalists waiting to report the news became the breaking news themselves. Their names circulated among their colleagues in shock—just moments before, they had been sending live reports and photos documenting Israel’s shelling of residential homes.

As’ad Al-Bayrooti, a journalist with Masdar News Agency, had been preparing to join the three journalists to cover the bombing of the tower. As he was descending from another tower, where many journalists were gathered in western Gaza, he received the shocking news that his colleagues had been taken to the hospital.

“We called our colleague Al Taweel to ask why he had left, and he informed us about the alert regarding the tower’s targeting. He was followed by Al-Nawajha and Suboh—the latter even stopped by my office before leaving, had a cup of coffee, and left in a hurry. The Israeli military then carried out a treacherous attack by bombing the house they were beneath, to conceal the crime of targeting the tower,” Al-Bayrooti recalled their final moments.

Since the first day of “Al-Aqsa Flood” battle, the journalists gathered in “Al-Ghafari” tower in western Gaza City, relocating from one tower to another as the bombings continued. Al-Bayrooti added, “We didn’t go

home. We stayed together, going out to cover events and then returning to the office. We were taking great risks and putting our lives in danger to convey the truth about the suffering of our people, especially given Israel's efforts to manipulate international public opinion and silence the Palestinian narrative."

### **A Unique Content**

At the beginning of October, Taweel wrote the introduction to one of his "Morning News on the Go" reports—a news brief delivered in a unique, colloquial style that was so popular among his followers. He wrote, "We've started a new month. We pray it will be better than the ones before, and that it will be full of prosperity, and protection, and whatever God brings is a blessing." Little did he know that only a week later, he would be martyred by Israeli airstrikes.

Taweel's final episode of "Morning News on the Go," No. 1201, was broadcasted on October 6. As usual, it began with a memorable introduction: "Good morning to every female schoolteacher who woke up at dawn, prayed, finished cooking, woke her children, dressed them, made them breakfast, and sent them off to school, then went to her own class, and will come back to feed her children and wake her husband. Good morning to every child who walks to his distant school, often without pocket money, because he understands his family's situation—may God heal their hearts."

Said Taweel concluded his final episode with a heartfelt prayer: "May October be a month of goodness, blessings, prosperity, and relief from suffering. May God protect us from illness, poverty, bad decisions, and tragic fates." Little did he know what fate had in store for him.

Taweel was known as the "man ready for all occasions" among his family and fellow journalists, not only for his presence in media coverage but also for his active participation in social events. He loved surprising his family with joyful moments.

Taweel's personal Facebook account, had 145,000 followers, many of them expressed their deep sorrow after the news of his martyrdom. Many followers lamented the loss of his "cheerful style" in reporting and his continuous updates on events. They admired his optimism and his empathy for the pain and struggles of the people.





## The Martyred Journalist Hisham Al-Nawajha: “I Love You. Take Care of the Kids. Forgive Me”

**By: Yahya Al-Yaqubi**

The Messenger call between journalist Hisham Al-Nawajha and his wife, Siham Wahba, on the evening of October 10, 2023, was brief. He had to interrupt it to perform the Isha prayer and have dinner with his fellow journalists. They had received news that the Israeli military was planning to bomb “Al Hajji” tower near the Gaza City coast. But the words he spoke from his heart still echo in her memory: “I love you. Take care of the kids. Forgive me.” He also sent her a photo of himself in his helmet and press vest just ten minutes before he went to cover the event.

Al-Nawajha, along with fellow journalists Said Taweel and Muhammad Suboh, took positions about 500 meters from the targeted tower, preparing their cameras to document the anticipated Israeli strike. They stood beneath a residential building, unaware that they, not the tower, were the real targets—to prevent them from covering the story and to silence the truth. The three journalists were martyred as they tried to document the event, and they became the story that preceded the tower’s bombing. Their deaths marked the beginning of Israel’s systematic targeting of journalists.

At his house in Rafah, his wife – who left with her family to one relative house because the Occupation threatened one neighboring house- couldn’t sleep. Anxious and on edge, she awaited a message from Hisham.

She checked her phone, and tried to call him when she was shocked to read a post written by one of his friends announcing the martyrdom of the three journalists, including her husband. Her grief-filled scream echoed through the house: “Hisham has been martyred.”

Hisham began his work as a photographer in 2014, drawing on the

experience he gained from his father, who owned a wedding photography studio. He improved his skills, learned video editing, and pursued a degree in journalism and media from Al-Aqsa University. He worked for several news agencies, including Khabar and Noon News Agencies.

His wife said, "Hisham was dedicated to his journalistic work, covering most media events. As a husband, he was gentle and kind. It's hard to find someone like him. I don't remember him ever wronging me or raising his voice at me, which is why God chose him to be a martyr."

Regarding his ambitions, she added with a voice filled with patience: "His goal was to develop his social media accounts and verify them. His Facebook page grew to have 17,000 followers. He also aspired to travel to attend different courses to enhance his resume."

She continued, "Although Hisham's work in the last few months mostly involved documenting events from home, whether in the West Bank or Gaza, this was the first and last time he left home to stay overnight to cover the aggression. Even when he was home, his work kept him busy, but we would gather as a family on Fridays, away from coverage and news. In the last three months, he frequently talked about death and martyrdom, even though I would ask him not to."

Despite the five months that have passed since his martyrdom, his wife remains committed to keeping his memory alive by posting on his Facebook page. In one post, she wrote, "You were my source of safety in this dark world, and after your departure, the compass of my life has veered off course, pointing in the wrong direction." In another post, she wrote, "Even though you are gone and the news no longer reaches me, prayer is the promise I will keep for both of us."

When asked about the reason why she keeps posting on his page, she explains, "He was a person who loved to leave a lasting impact. I saw the level of effort he invested into his work in the media field, so I continue to honor his memory and ensure people pray for his soul."

In his final media message before his martyrdom, Al-Nawajha shared a video asking people to reassure their families and children in the face of Israeli arrogance and the overwhelming destruction, stating that "nothing will happen except what God has chose for us." He concluded by affirming that victory would be on the side of his people, a message that was the last to be shared by his friends and social media followers after his passing.



## The Martyred Journalist Salam Meema: The Dream She Saw Became True

**By: Yahya Al-Yaqubi**

At 2:00 a.m. on October 10, 2023, Hind awoke to heartbreaking news: Israeli warplanes had bombed the third and fourth floors of her sister, journalist Salam Meema, home. Salam, her children—Hadi, Ali, and Sham—and her husband, Muhammad Al-Masri, were trapped under the rubble for several days.

Just two hours before the attack, the two sisters had been chatting over social media, discussing the difficult circumstances and the ongoing bombings. Their conversation ended at 1:00 a.m. with Salam telling her sister, “Nothing will happen except what God has chose for us,” while her children remained awake due to the intense shelling.

Hind barely had time to rest before the family received a call from a relative, breaking the news that their daughter’s home had been destroyed while the children and their parents were asleep, feeling secure.

“We stayed awake until 5:00 a.m., hoping for news that would calm our hearts,” Hind recalled. “My father went to the hospital, but all he found was my brother-in-law’s body. The next day, we went back to search for the others. After 34 hours, we found my nephew Ali. The search continued for days, but we couldn’t find the rest of the bodies.”

“It felt like a dream,” Hind said, referring to the last post Salam had written before her martyrdom, in which she described the brutal war Israel was waging on Gaza. Her martyrdom, too, felt like a surreal nightmare to her sister: “I can’t believe she’s gone. I still feel like I’m in a dream I

haven't woken up from. Her child will always remind us of her."

Salam Meema was born on November 13, 1990. She studied Arabic Language and Literature at Al-Aqsa University and began her journalism career while still in college, writing news articles for Al-Istiqlal newspaper. Throughout her career, she worked with various media outlets, including the Palestinian Media Assembly, Al-Quds Radio, and Palestine Today TV.

She married Muhammad Al-Masri in 2015, and they had three children: Hadi (7 years), Ali (6 years), and Sham (2 years). Hind witnessed her sister's dedication as a mother and journalist, saying, "Since her children started school, Salam's focus was on how to make them the best they could be and build a bright future for them."

One day before the Israeli aggression on Gaza began, on October 7, 2023, Salam spent her last day with her family. Hind recalled: "She spent three wonderful days with us before the war started, and then communication became difficult due to the loss of internet and phone connections."

With words filled with sorrow, Hind adds, "Although my sister had stopped working in journalism several months ago, she used her social media pages as her platform, and I relied on her to keep me informed about the news. She loved her children deeply."

Even in the final moments of her life, Salam was keeping up with and documenting events from her home, providing her family with news updates as the internet kept cutting off. She shared news on her Facebook page, continuing her role as a media activist.



## **The Martyred Journalist Mustafa Al-Naqeeb: Killed with His Wife, Daughter, and Several Family Members**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

“I hope this year will be filled with happiness for us together. I pray that God protects us from all evil and keeps our daughter, Hoor, safe,” wished Hala Al-Akhras, the wife of journalist Mustafa Al-Naqeeb as they celebrated his birthday on September 24, 2023. Just two weeks after this family celebration, Mustafa, his wife Hala, and their only daughter Hoor were martyred.

On October 11, 2023, Israeli warplanes bombed the home of university lecturer and journalist Mustafa Al-Naqeeb in Gaza City, leading to the deaths of Mustafa, his wife, their child, and several family members.

According to Wassam Al-Akhras, a relative of Mustafa’s wife, “Israel committed a massacre against Al-Naqeeb family in Al-Nuseirat by bombing their six-story building, leveling it to the ground.”

He added, “The journalist Mustafa Al-Naqeeb, his wife Hala Al-Akhras, and their only daughter Hoor, who was just one year old, were all martyred in this massacre.”

Mustafa Muhammad Rajab Al-Naqeeb was born on September 24, 1995, in Gaza City. He completed his primary and secondary education in the city’s schools and later obtained a bachelor’s degree in Media and Information Technology from Palestine University in Gaza. Mustafa had been a university lecturer at the same institution since September 29, 2018, and he also worked as a trainer at Al Kinana Training and Development Center since 2018 until his martyrdom.

Mustafa worked in the Social Media Café in Gaza, a media hub founded by journalists in 2010 as part of a project funded by UNESCO to promote blogging in the Palestinian territories.

Al Naqeeb was also pursuing a master's degree in Media Studies at the Arab Research and Studies Institute at the time of his martyrdom. His wife, Hala Al-Akhras, had posted on Facebook just two weeks before their deaths, celebrating his birthday: "I repeat this to you every year... every year, you are my best fate... every year, you are the purest and kindest of all... every year you are the sweetest and most loving father. I pray that this year is filled with happiness, with us by your side, and that God protects us from all evil and keeps our daughter Hoor safe."

The Palestinian Democratic Youth Union (PDYU) mourned the loss of Mustafa, one of its members, in a statement emphasizing that the blood of the martyrs would not be in vain and that the Occupation will pay for its crimes.

The PDYU further asserted: "The will of our people and youth will only grow stronger to continue the path of struggle and resistance until we achieve our national rights and deter the occupation out of our Palestinian land."

Friends and colleagues of Mustafa also mourned him on social media, recalling his virtues and the memories they shared together.

A close friend and namesake, Mustafa Al-Naqeeb from Yemen, wrote a post on Facebook: "I received the news today that my friend and brother Mustafa Al-Naqeeb and his entire family were martyred as a result of the brutal Israeli bombing of innocent civilians in Gaza. This news broke my heart."

He added, "Mustafa was a polite and ambitious young man who loved reading and learning. He graduated at the top of his class. He was a man of peace, always striving for it across the Arab world. I never saw him raise a weapon, and he never hurt anyone in his life while resisting the Israeli enemy."

He continued, "Yet, the cruel occupation attacked him at his home, with his family trapped under the senseless and unjustified bombardment. Mustafa died a thousand times before he truly died, and in his death, we Arabs lost our humanity and sense of Arab unity."



## **The Martyred Journalist Rajab Al-Naqeeb: Died with 16 Family Members**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Al Naqeeb, his wife Hanadi, their two children, Muhammad and Fatin, his parents, and all his siblings with their spouses and children were martyred in an Israeli airstrike that targeted their family's six-story building in Al-Nuseirat refugee camp, central Gaza, on October 11, 2023.

Wissam Al-Akhras, a relative of Rajab's wife, said, "Israel committed a massacre against Al-Naqeeb family in Al-Nuseirat, leveling their home of 6 floors to the ground." He added that Rajab's body remained trapped beneath the rubble for several hours before civil defense teams were able to retrieve it.

Rajab Muhammad Rajab Al-Naqeeb was born on May 23, 1992, in Al-Nuseirat refugee camp, where he completed his primary and secondary education. He was a freelance journalist, a social media activist, and a digital content creator. He had been documenting the Israeli war on Gaza via his X account, which he started in 2011.

In his tweets, Al Naqeeb exposed Israel's use of internationally banned weapons against civilians in Gaza, and he documented the destruction of the towers in Al-Karama neighborhood in northern Gaza, which stood as witnesses to the brutality of Israeli bombardments against civilians.

Friends and colleagues mourned Al Naqeeb on social media, sharing his good traits and their memories together.

Mohammad Thabet posted on Facebook: "Martyrs are life's bridge to eternity. When our souls dry out, they flow like dew, keeping the green

freshness of our existence alive in the barren time. Another moon has risen, a dear friend and colleague, Rajab Al-Naqeeb, ascended to join the immortals with his family after their home was targeted in Al-Nuseirat. Our reunion will be in paradise, God willing.”

Asmahan Abu Hamad also expressed her grief in a post on Facebook: “On the morning of Wednesday, October 11, 2023, I woke up to news I couldn’t bear. The loss of 17 members of my uncle Rajab Al-Naqeeb’s family in Al-Nuseirat. Their souls were stolen, and they ascended to their Creator. The news hit me like a thunderbolt, left me withdrawn, engulfed in grief, even though I was surrounded by loved ones. Because of this news I lost my balance, disconnected from people, and stepped away from social media. It filled every part of my body with pain and anguish.”

Palestinian human rights organizations, including the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights, Al Mizan Center for Human Rights, and Al-Haq, strongly condemned the continued targeting and deliberate killing of journalists during Israel’s military offensive on Gaza.

In a statement, these organizations emphasized that this systematic targeting of journalists has been a recurring tactic since the start of the Israeli offensive, as Israel—the occupying power—has turned journalists and media institutions into legitimate targets in an effort to intimidate and silence them. The aim has been to conceal the horrific crimes and ongoing genocide in Gaza.

The statement stressed that the deliberate killing of journalists constitutes a war crime under the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court (ICC) as outlined in Article 8 of the Rome Statute. It also represents an arbitrary deprivation of life under Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, necessitating accountability for the perpetrators. Furthermore, it is an assault on press freedom and freedom of expression, as protected under international human rights law, including Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The organizations reiterated that Israel seeks to monopolize the prevailing narrative by killing and silencing journalists, not wanting the world to see its true face. By silencing free journalism and blocking international media from accessing Gaza for free reporting, Israel is implementing a



comprehensive plan of genocide, aiming to impose a second Nakba on the 2.3 million Palestinians in Gaza.

The organizations called on the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court to expedite the process of investigating the crimes committed in the State of Palestine, including the murder of journalists who sacrifice their lives to reveal the truth, and to move forward with subsequent steps for accountability.



## **The Martyred Journalist Abdul Rahman Shehab: A Massacre in Jabalia Refugee Camp**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

In a horrific Israeli massacre carried out by airstrikes on the afternoon of Thursday, October 12, 2023, journalist Abdul Rahman Shehab (54 years old) was martyred along with 44 members of his family. They had been taking shelter inside a family home in Jabalia refugee camp, in the northern Gaza Strip.

Israel bombed the house without warning, killing Shehab along with his elderly mother, his wife, and his children—Bilal (6 years old), Rita (7 years old), and Lotus (10 years old)—as well as 23 children, 11 women, and several other elderly men from the family.

Shehab was one of the prominent political and cultural figures in Gaza, known as a writer and political analyst. He authored several publications and academic research on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and served as the director of the Atlas Center for Israeli Studies.

Shehab was also a member of the International Association of Experts and Political Analysts, an independent, non-governmental organization based in Beirut.

The Vision Center for Political Development published that Abdul Rahman Rabi' Abdul Rahman Shehab was born on July 12, 1968, in Jabalia, northern Gaza. He was married with three children. Shehab attended primary school at Jabalia Al-Balad Boys School and completed his high school education in the scientific track while imprisoned in Israeli jails in 1997. He earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology and Management from

the Open University of Tel Aviv in 2006, and a Master's degree in Sociology and Democratic History from the same university in 2009.

Shehab had been arrested by Israeli authorities on December 16, 1988, and was sentenced to 35 years in prison, of which he served 23 years, including three years in solitary confinement. He was released in Wafaa Al-Ahrar prisoner exchange deal in 2011.

During his imprisonment, Israeli authorities sealed and confiscated his family home and repeatedly hindered his educational progress by transferring him between prisons and restricting access to his university books, despite the fact that they are university books of an Israeli university.

### **His Publications and Views**

Shehab adhered to Islamic thought and was a strong advocate for escalating resistance against Israeli occupation, particularly in the West Bank. However, he also called for a balance between armed resistance and political and media resistance.

Shehab specialized in Israeli affairs, and founded Atlas Center for Research and Studies in 2012 where he published several papers and reports, including The Vision of Dr. Fathi Shaqaqi on the Management of the Modern State (2013), Turkish-Israeli Relations in the Israeli Mind, and Militarizing Israeli National Decision-Making (2015), as well as Ashura in the Hebrew and Islamic Calendars (2016).

Under Shehab's management, Atlas Center translated several Hebrew publications, such as Operation Protective Edge: Implications and Lessons Learnt(2015), Media-Driven Wars (2018), and The Backfiring Arrow (2020). He also participated in conferences both within Palestine and abroad, and was active in sharing his political analysis and thoughts on social media, particularly on Facebook.



## **The Martyred Journalist Muhammad Al-Hasani: A Family Massacre**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

In an airstrike carried out by Israeli warplanes on the home of journalist Muhammad Al-Hasani on October 12, 2023, something miraculous happened. Al-Hasani, his wife, and their two daughters, Batoul and Yara, managed to emerge from the rubble of their destroyed home unscathed.

The family rejoiced, grateful for the new lease on life that God had granted them. But just days later, another Israeli airstrike targeted a different home they had taken refuge in, killing Al-Hasani, his wife, and all their children.

Al-Hasani was martyred on October 24, 2023, along with nine members of his family. Among the martyrs were his wife, Zahraa Hazem Al-Abadleh, their daughters Batoul and Yara, his two sisters, Rand and Raoand and her husband Muhammad Al-Atal, and their children, Ham-am, Aows, and Ward.

On October 12, 2023, following the first airstrike, Al-Hasani had written a post on his Facebook page recounting the details of that horrifying day: “We emerged from the rubble at eight in the morning, and some were injured and martyred. Yet here we are, still steadfast in Gaza, holding on. To hear the cries of your children and neighbors with the rubble over them! I pulled my children from under the debris, lifeless, as destruction surrounded us from all sides. But we were able to catch our breath.”

His wife, Zahraa Al-Abadleh, also shared her experience of that first airstrike, when she wrote: “The house fell on us while we were sleeping,

and by the grace of God, we survived. We emerged from under the rubble. Praise be to God, praise be to God, praise be to God. Please inform all my family members and loved ones, as we have no internet or communication. My in-laws, my children, and I—we are all safe. O God, place us in Your protective shield, in which You place whomever You will.”

Neither Muhammad nor Zahraa knew at the time that they were only 12 days away from another Israeli airstrike that would take their lives and the lives of their daughters, Batoul and Yara.

Muhammad Fayeq Al-Hasani was born in Gaza City on March 19, 1989. He served as the executive director of Rawasi for Culture, Arts, and Media, an organization that produces digital media content focusing on Palestinian national issues.

Friends and colleagues of Al-Hasani mourned his passing, recalling unforgettable moments they shared together.

In a post mourning his friend, Aboudi Srour wrote: “In this beloved homeland, you would always sing the most beautiful words of love and loyalty to the country, teaching us how to sacrifice our souls and nourish the land with our blood. You embodied that lesson in reality.”

Muhammad Al-Abdullah wrote in a post: “I still imagine that your martyrdom is just a dream and that you are still alive. I remember you and smile once, but cry a thousand times. May God have mercy on you, my brother.”

Amal Al-Issi, who worked with Al-Hasani, expressed her sorrow: “The painful part is that there is no time to mourn, when one friend departs another one follows. Muhammad Al-Hasani, Abu Fayez, has left us. He was the epitome of kindness, generosity, integrity, and morals. These days are unbearably heavy on our hearts, O God.”



## **The Martyred Journalist Ali Nasman: Israel Ends the Life of One of the Most Prominent Palestinian Comedians**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

“My friends, trust in God and His mercy. If we are departed from you, we will meet either in Jerusalem or in paradise.” These were the words written by Palestinian journalist and comedian Ali Nasman on his X account on October 12, 2023, predicting his own death. Just one day later, his prediction came true.

Nasman was martyred in an Israeli airstrike that directly targeted him while he was in one of Gaza City’s streets on October 13, 2023.

Ali Abdullah Hasan Nasman was born on April 15, 1985. He was a journalist, blogger, and filmmaker.

Nasman is originally from the northern part of Gaza City, where he spent most of his life. He completed his high school education and earned a bachelor’s degree in Financial and Business Management, followed by a diploma in NGOs Management.

Nasman participated in several Palestinian TV series, including Al-Rouh, Gate to Heaven, and Al-Fida’i. He also participated in the series Sharat Naser Jalbou’a, which told the story of the six Palestinian prisoners who tunneled their way to freedom from Jalbou’a Prison in September 2021.

An active figure on social media, Nasman was one of the most prominent Palestinian bloggers. He was a vocal supporter of resistance against Israeli occupation and a critic of the Oslo Accords, signed between the Palestinian Authority and Israel in 1993.

Nasman used comedy to address national and everyday life issues affecting Palestinians. He shared video clips on social media, particularly Facebook, where he used humor to present these topics.

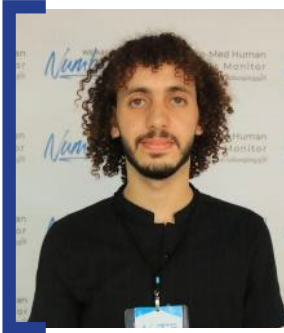
In a video posted on October 12, Nasman filmed the streets of Gaza after an airstrike, saying, “The people have clearly withdrawn from here. This place has been under continuous bombing all night and has been completely destroyed. This is what God and His Messenger promised us, and our battle continues. The people of Gaza have high spirits, but you can see the exhaustion on their faces from the fear for their children and sleepless nights.”

Anticipating his own death, Nasman added, “While I’m talking to you, a block of cement might fall on me, and that would be the end of the story—or the message. This will be a great honor. In the end, it’s a great honor. We fear no one but God.”

Nasman continued to post daily videos from Gaza under bombardment, showing his followers and the world the resilience of Gaza’s people amidst destruction. He consistently affirmed, “The people of Gaza hold their heads high.”

Palestinians regarded Nasman as a free voice that used satire to connect with people and address their concerns and struggles. His monologues, which often highlighted Gaza’s suffering, were a way of shedding light on the hardships faced by the besieged population.

The news of Nasman’s martyrdom triggered widespread grief across social media platforms. Many users reacted to the announcement with sorrow and admiration for his bravery. Adham Abu Salmiya tweeted, “Your body is gone, but you roar still haunts them, Ali. May God have mercy on the courageous martyr #Ali\_Nasman.”



## **The Martyred Journalist Youssef Dawas: Previously Received Death Threats**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

“Families would rather die together than alone.” This was a line from an article written in English by journalist Youssef Dawas at the beginning of 2023, titled *Who will pay for the 20 years we lost?*. Before the year ended, Dawas, along with 27 members of his family, was martyred in a single Israeli airstrike that targeted their home in Beit Lahia, northern Gaza, on October 14, 2023.

It’s unclear whether Dawas had foreseen how his life would end or if Israel had chosen to grant him the kind of death he described. What is certain is that this horrific incident was one of the most brutal massacres Israel committed, wiping out entire Palestinian families since the war on Gaza began on October 7, 2023.

Maher Al-Akhras, a close friend of Youssef, believes the strike was intentional. He said, “Youssef had told me he had received death threats from settlers through messages sent to him via social media platforms.”

Al-Akhras thinks that Israel targeted Youssef because he was an exceptional writer, fluent in English, which helped him spread the Palestinian narrative more effectively to global audiences—something Israel aimed to suppress.

Youssef Maher Youssef Dawas was born in 2003 and completed his primary and secondary education in schools in Beit Lahia.

He was a journalist for the We Are Not Numbers initiative, which, since



it was founded in 2015, has sought to document the experiences of Palestinians living under occupation beyond the confines of statistics that reduce human suffering to mere numbers.

Fluent in both Arabic and English, Dawas wrote extensively and produced videos on various topics, including his dream of traveling and exploring the world—a dream cut short by Israeli airstrikes.

In addition, Dawas contributed to Palestinian Chronicles, which published a tribute featuring a video of him speaking about his desire to visit different cities around the world. His words captured the ambition of a young man with boundless dreams.

On the same website, his last article written in English and published in August 2023, *Kidney Transplant and Rebirth: A Palestinian Love Story*. In this piece, Dawas narrated the journey of a Gazan couple, Anan and Rima, and their long battle with Rima's kidney failure since 2021.

We read Dawas's words as he takes us through each stop they pass through, and as much as his words reveal the great love that unites them (the treatment took two years, one month, two days, and five hours), they also reveal his ability to capture the details of the suffering of daily life that the people of Gaza live under the crushing Israeli siege.

Dawas was a journalist, writer, musician, and social activist, dabbling in poetry, particularly in English, yet his future ambition remained to become a psychiatrist, as a fellow writer from *We Are Not Numbers* lamented his loss.

He was also involved with the youth literary groups under Tamer Institute for Community Education in Gaza, including "Yara'at" and "Voices from Palestine."

Duwas had several hobbies, including horseback riding, playing the guitar, photography, and reading. His passion for writing and self-expression in English shone through his works, which conveyed his deep love for life, even amidst the most difficult circumstances.

Youssef Dawas represented a generation of young Gazans who, despite the horrors of occupation, were able to make their mark on the world.



## **The Martyred Journalist Abdul Hadi Habib: Killed with His Wife, Her Mother, and his Five Daughters**

**By: Ahmed Abu Qamar**

Journalist Abdul Hadi Saadallah Habib (38 years old) was known for his outstanding work in documentaries and short films, making him one of the most distinguished Palestinian journalists in the field. His filmmaking was comprehensive, from conceptualizing the idea to writing the script, filming, editing, and even directing.

On October 16, 2023, the story of Abdul Hadi Habib and his family came to a tragic end when Israeli warplanes bombed his apartment in Al-Zeitoun neighborhood, south of Gaza City. He, his wife, their five daughters, and his mother-in-law were all martyred in the strike.

Abdul Hadi had earned a bachelor's degree in Media and Information Technology from the University College of Applied Sciences. Over the span of fifteen years, he worked as a journalist and video editor for various outlets, including Al-Resalah newspaper and Al-Manar Media Agency. Before his martyrdom, he had worked as a video editor for UNRWA's educational channel and as a cameraman for its media office.

In the aftermath of his death, his former colleague at UNRWA Media Channel, journalist Esraa Al-Modallal, wrote on her Facebook page: "Abdul Hadi Habib, who worked for UNRWA in Gaza, was martyred after an Israeli airstrike targeted his home in Al-Zeitoun neighborhood. He had just been blessed with a baby girl on the first day of Operation Al-Aqsa Flood." She mourned his loss, emphasizing that he was one of the most skilled journalists in his field and was always active and dedicated to his work.

Photojournalist Khaled Tuaima, who worked with Abdul Hadi for many years, also mourned his colleague, describing him as not only a professional journalist but also a dear friend and brother. Tuaima told the “Martyred Journalists Documentation Project”: “Abdul Hadi was the epitome of a well-rounded journalist in the field of documentary filmmaking and short films. He was exceptionally skilled in this area.” He stressed the need to hold Israel responsible for deliberately targeting journalists and their families without any repercussions.

Tuaima wondered: “Is it possible that the Israeli army has killed more than 150 journalists in just five months, while the world remains silent about what is happening to us?”

In a post on social media, the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate mourned their colleague Abdul Hadi Habib, who was martyred along with his family in the bombing of their apartment. The Palestinian Media Forum also paid tribute to Abdul Hadi, confirming that Palestinian journalists had lost a beloved colleague who had been instrumental in conveying the truth through his work over the past years.



## The Martyred Journalist Issam Bahhar: Targeted Without Warning

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

The martyrdom of journalist Issam Bahhar shocked those who knew him. He was known as a quiet, religious young man, dedicated to his work as a language proofreader at Al-Aqsa TV.

Bahhar (39 years old) was martyred when Israeli forces bombed his home in northern Gaza on October 16, 2023, without prior warning. His wife and children were also killed in the strike, and several other family members were injured.

Issam Mohammed Sobhi Bahhar was born in northern Gaza on August 28, 1984. He graduated from Abdel Fattah Hamoud School in 2001 and earned his bachelor's degree in Arabic Language from the Islamic University of Gaza, followed by a master's degree in the same field from the same university.

Bahhar had been working as a proofreader at Al-Aqsa TV since 2007, primarily focusing on editing news bulletins and news scripts.

The "Bahhar Family Association" page on Facebook mourned Issam Bahhar: "With great sorrow, we mourn our family martyr and the page's supervisor, Sheikh Journalist Issam Mohammed Bahhar, along with his wife and children, after their home was targeted by the occupation, injuring other family members."

Three days before his martyrdom, on October 13, 2023, Bahhar had posted on social media, asking God to end the war and save the people of Gaza: "O Allah, we complain to You of our weakness, lack of resources, and humiliation by others. O Allah, You are the Lord of the oppressed, and You are our

Lord. There is no God but You. To whom do You entrust us, to a distant one who frowns upon us, or to an enemy who holds power over us? If You are not angry with us, we do not mind, yet Your well-being is more expansive for us. We have no strength or power except through You.”

Colleagues and friends shared a photo of Bahhar participating in a Quran recitation initiative in Gaza, and his students circulated his final messages to them via WhatsApp, where he wrote: “Keep us posted, people of Quran... Intensify your prayers, my brothers.”

Al-Aqsa TV mourned Bahhar, stating that he was martyred alongside his wife due to an Israeli airstrike on their home, which also injured other family members. The channel condemned the Israeli crimes against Palestinian journalists and called on the international community to hold Israel accountable.

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate also condemned Bahhar’s martyrdom, stating that the severe Israeli military escalation would result in the deaths of journalists without any deterrence from the international community.

The Committee to Protect Journalists denounced the attack on Issam Bahhar, which led to his death alongside his wife, following the bombing of their home by Israeli forces.

The committee also condemned the continued Israeli targeting of Palestinian journalists, their families, and their homes, in violation of international laws and conventions that stipulate the protection of journalists, civilians, and civilian objects during conflict.

Fellow journalists mourned their colleague Bahar, recalling his virtues and the traits they knew him for during his life.

Moath Maqdad wrote in a post: “May God have mercy on the souls of our colleague and friend, the jovial Abdul Hadi Habib, and our kind colleague Issam Mohammed Bahhar, who were martyred in the bombing of Gaza during the last few hours.”

Salah Abdul Ati, head of the International Commission to Support Palestinian People’s Rights (ICSPR), stated, “The targeting of journalist Bahhar, along with other Palestinian journalists, is a crime that demands accountability under international laws that protect journalists during wartime.”

Abdul Ati emphasized that Israel “deliberately targets journalists without regard for international laws, as it is granted political and legal impunity by the United States to act as it pleases.”



## **The Martyred Journalist Mohammad Ballousha: The Active Editor at Palestine Today TV**

**By: Ahmed Abu Qamar**

If you visited the offices of Palestine Today TV in Gaza City, you couldn't miss the cheerful young man, journalist Mohammad Jamil Ballousha (35 years old), who worked at the news desk. Everyone there affectionately called him "Abu Jamil," and you would often notice his lively presence between departments, speaking kindly to everyone he encountered.

Mohammad Ballousha was martyred on October 17, 2023, when Israeli warplanes bombed his home in Al-Saftawi area, north of Gaza City. He was killed with his young daughter Layan, his father Jamil, and many of his siblings and their children.

He was a kind-hearted man, leaving behind a legacy of goodness and dedication to his job. His colleague, journalist Nidal Abu Al-Foul, described him as "a man full of morals, with a radiant smile."

In an interview for the "Martyred Journalists Documentation Project," Abu Al-Foul stated, "It's rare to find a journalist in Gaza who didn't know Abu Jamil. He was the kind of journalist who made everyone around him love him." He noted that Mohammad's passing was a shock to the media community, particularly to his colleagues, since he was one of the key figures at their Gaza office. Abu Al-Foul emphasized that the bombing of Ballousha's home and his family was a genocide that highlights the brutality of the occupation, for which Israel must be held accountable.

Mohammad had earned a Master's degree in Accounting and Finance from the Islamic University two years before his martyrdom.

Journalist Osama Al-Dahdouh, a correspondent for Palestine Today TV in Gaza, mourned his colleague, with whom he had worked for many years. In an interview for the “Martyred Journalists Documentation Project,” Al-Dahdouh said that Ballousha had left his mark in the Gaza office where he was also a member of the Office’s management board. He stressed that the martyr had strived to keep the media working properly to serve the Palestinian narrative and the cause of our Palestinian people’s suffering.

Al-Dahdouh continued: “Our colleague Mohammad was one of the influential voices in Palestinian journalism, always striving to highlight the struggles and resistance of the Palestinian people through his media work.” Despite the dangers in Gaza, Mohammad continued his journalistic duty with bravery and dedication.

He concluded: “We promise our colleague Abu Jamil that we will stay committed to the path we started together, and we will continue to work on delivering the media message until our Palestinian people achieve their full rights.”

In a post on social media, the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate mourned Mohammad Ballousha and several members of his family. The Palestinian Media Assembly also mourned him, affirming that the voices of Palestinian journalists would remain strong despite the bombing, destruction, and targeted assassinations of dozens of journalists and their families.



## The Martyred Journalist Samih Al-Nadi: An Unforgettable Memory in Every Home in Al-Nuseirat Camp

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

TV director Samih Al-Nadi left an indelible mark in every Palestinian home in Al-Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza. He began his professional life as the owner of the camp's first photography studio, capturing personal and family portraits that residents still cherish as priceless legacy.

Samih Al-Nadi, 55, was martyred on October 18, 2023, in an Israeli air-strike that targeted him while he was in his home in Al-Nuseirat camp.

Born on March 22, 1968, in Al-Nuseirat, Samih Abdul Razzaq Khamees Al-Nadi completed his high school education at Khalid Bin Al-Walid Boys School in the camp. He then earned a bachelor's degree in Photography and Lighting and worked at his private studio specializing in personal and family photography.

Al-Nadi developed his skills through numerous training courses at various TV stations in Syria and Lebanon.

Al-Nadi worked as a TV director for news bulletins and news programs broadcast by Al-Aqsa TV in Gaza, where he also served as the head of the Broadcast Monitoring Department. Al-Nadi also directed several TV series produced by the channel, including Al-Rouh, Qabdat Al-Ahrar, and Open Account.

In 2012, he was awarded the second place in the short film category at the Cairo Film Festival in Egypt.



The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate mourned Samih Al-Nadi, the director at Al-Aqsa TV, who was martyred in an Israeli airstrike on Gaza. In a statement, they condemned the attack, that is added to the long black list of crimes against humanity committed by the Israeli occupation.

The syndicate called on international organizations to “stop their blind support of the occupation, which is committing the most horrific forms of terrorism against the Palestinian people in Gaza.”

His niece mourned him, saying: “My dear uncle, I longed to hear your voice. I missed you so much this week, I missed you sending me ‘Good morning.’ Oh, how my heart aches for you, my uncle.”

A user named Fatima wrote on X, recalling a memory with Al-Nadi: “Oh God, Samih Al-Nadi captured all my childhood memories. He took every photo of me since I was 50 days old until I grew up.”

Al-Nuseirat News page posted: “Professor Samih Al-Nadi, a TV director and photographer, was the owner of the first photography studio in Al-Nuseirat (formerly ‘Muath Studio’). We are proud of the prominent leaders of Al-Nuseirat camp.”



## The Martyred Journalist Khalil Abu Azra: Killed with His Brother in an Airstrike on Al-Nasr Neighborhood

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Documenting the Palestinian resistance's incursion into Israeli settlements adjacent to the Gaza Strip on October 7, 2023, was the final act in the professional life of photojournalist Khalil Abu Azra, capping a career that spanned over 15 years.

Abu Azra was martyred alongside his brother, Muath, when Israeli warplanes targeted them in Al-Nasr neighborhood, north of Rafah in southern Gaza, on October 19, 2023.

Yasser Abu Azra, Khalil's cousin, recounted: "At around 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2023, Khalil and his brother went to check on their poultry farm. Khalil was still working with Al-Aqsa TV, but the airstrikes targeted them, killing them instantly."

Khalil was a cameraman for Al-Aqsa TV and became the 17th journalist to be martyred in the ongoing Israeli war on Gaza, which began on October 7, 2023.

This was not the first time Israeli forces targeted Abu Azra. He had been shot in the thigh by Israeli forces on April 6, 2018 while covering the "March of Return" protests and the breaking of the siege east of Rafah. At the time, Abu Azra said Israeli forces deliberately shot him because he was documenting their violations against peaceful demonstrators along Gaza's eastern border.

Khalil Ibrahim Ali Abu Azra was born on October 20, 1983, in Rafah,

where he completed his primary and secondary education. He graduated from the Islamic University of Gaza in 2006 with a degree in Journalism and Media. His last work was covering the October 7, 2023, incursion by Palestinian resistance forces into Israeli settlements near Gaza. He had posted videos on Facebook documenting these events.

The Palestinian Media Forum, a civil society organization that supports journalists in Gaza, mourned Khalil's martyrdom in a statement.

Meanwhile, the international organization Publishers for Palestine condemned the targeting of Abu Azra and the systematic killing of Palestinian journalists. Their statement called for Israel to be held accountable for its crimes and for an immediate halt to the genocide in Gaza.

Abu Azra's martyrdom was a shock to all who knew him, especially his friends and colleagues. His friend, Saed Abu Huthayfah, wrote: "Our dear friend, journalist Khalil Abu Azra, is a martyr. May God's mercy be upon you, our beloved Abu Sajed."

Another friend, Ahmed Jargoun, posted: "May the mercy and grace of God be upon you, our dear beloved neighbor Khalil Abu Azra, Abu Sajed, with his brother Muath. May God accept your martyrdom and grant you paradise."

Ahmed Shaaban Abu Athra also wrote: "May God have mercy on you and accept your martyrdom. Cousins Khalil and Muath are in the care of the Ever-Living, who never dies. Khalil is now in a far better place, and our solace is that we will meet again in paradise."



## The Martyred Journalist A'ed Al-Najjar: Body Trapped Under Rubble for Months

**By: Ahmed Abu Qamar**

Journalists may never find a grave to visit for their colleague, the martyred journalist A'ed Ismail Al-Najjar (30 years old), since his body remains buried under rubble since his martyrdom on October 20, 2023. Yet, his journalistic work and legacy among his colleagues will remain alive.

A'ed, who worked at Siraj Media Office, was known among his peers as an active youth leader who resided in Al-Shatia refugee camp, west of Gaza City.

A'ed who completed his bachelor's degree in Journalism and Media from the University College of Applied Sciences is now gone!

On the day of his martyrdom, after a day spent documenting and reporting on Israeli occupation crimes, A'ed went to visit his wife and children at his in-laws' home in Al-Nuseirat refugee camp, in central Gaza. Minutes after entering the multi-story house, Israeli warplanes bombed it with several missiles, killing A'ed, his wife, their three children, his in-laws, and their entire extended family in a genocide that claimed dozens of lives.

Journalist Mohammed Al-Arabid spoke to the "Martyred Journalists Documentation Project" about his colleague A'ed: "Before his martyrdom, he was at Al-Shifa Hospital, working like the rest of the activist journalists in covering the war in Gaza and exposing the occupation's crimes." He added, "After about two weeks of continuous coverage, A'ed told us he

was going to visit his wife, who was staying with her family in Al-Nuseirat camp.”

Al-Arabid continued: “Just three hours after he left us, we received the news of his martyrdom, shocked that the Israeli occupation had committed a genocide that took dozens of lives.”

Al-Arabid emphasized that A’ed’s death was a profound loss for the journalism community: “Anyone who knew A’ed knows that journalists lost one of their most dedicated members, who never hesitated to expose the crimes of the Israeli occupation.”

A woman named Raghad wrote on social media platform X: “A’ed Al-Najjar (Abu Yahya), his wife, Um Yahya, and their sweet children Yahya, Maria, and the youngest, Jouri, were martyred in an airstrike. May God accept them and grant them paradise. The martyrs are not just numbers, and they never will be.”

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate mourned A’ed Al-Najjar, affirming that the genocides against journalists and their families cannot go unpunished. The Palestinian Media Forum and the Government Media Office also mourned the journalist Al-Najjar.

Mohammed Yassin, the director of the Palestinian Media Forum, expressed his sorrow, telling the “Martyred Journalists Documentation Project”: “Palestinian journalists have written, and continue to write, the story of Palestine with their blood, crafting epic tales of heroism and sacrifice to expose the oppression of the Palestinian people and the genocides of innocent civilians in their homes. Our colleague A’ed Al-Najjar was one of them.”

Yassin added: “A’ed joins the ranks of the martyred Palestinian journalists, as 137 journalists have been killed by Israeli bullets and missiles since the ongoing brutal aggression on Gaza that began on October 7. May the martyrs rest in peace, and we vow to continue the message and keep the coverage going.”

Yassin also called for Israel to be brought to international courts and urged immediate action from international and Arab journalists to stop the terrifying targeting of journalists in Gaza.



## **The Martyred Journalist Iman Al-Oqaili: Her Death Alongside Her Two Children Shocked Everyone Who Knew Her**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

None of her friends or family ever imagined that journalist Iman Al-Oqaili and her two children would be among the victims of the Israeli airstrikes that started in Gaza on October 7, 2023. Iman was known for her calm demeanor, ambition, and love for life, her husband, and her children.

Iman Al-Oqaili was martyred on October 20, 2023, along with her two children, Baraa (2 years old) and Osama (5 months old).

Maram Mansour, a close friend of Iman, shared that she and her children were martyred when an Israeli airstrike hit a home nearby her own in Gaza City.

Iman Jamal Al-Oqaili was born in Gaza City on March 19, 1994. Her family's roots trace back to Jaffa, which was occupied in 1948.

Al-Oqaili completed her high school education at Basheer Al-Rayes School for Girls in central Gaza and earned a bachelor's degree in Radio and Television from the Department of Media at Al-Aqsa University in Gaza in 2016.

Al-Oqaili worked as a freelance journalist and media activist on social media platforms. She married Mohammad Al-Salim in May 2020, and they had two children: Baraa and Osama, the latter born just five months before her martyrdom.

On the day of their martyrdom, her husband posted on Facebook: "There is no power or strength except from God. My wife Iman Jamal

Al-Oqaili and my children Baraa and Osama are martyrs.”

Before her death, on March 13, 2023, Iman wrote a heartfelt message on Facebook for her eldest son Osama’s second birthday: “Know, my little one, that your mere presence in my life has filled my world with vastness, and your affection, laughter, and noises have filled my soul and heart with joy. You are a gift from the Merciful, who has taken my heart from between my ribs and set it crawling on all four, then walking on two. I hope that I can instill in you noble morals, so your conscience remains ever awake to discern right from wrong. I pray that you feel the weight of responsibility on your shoulders, that your goal is always to be kind to yourself and to others, like a tree that, even if it bears no fruit, still provides shade. You will be always and each year the happiness to my heart and your father’s.”

Friends and colleagues mourned Iman, as Huda Naeem writing in a post on Facebook: “Every day we lose friends, one after another. Oh Lord, grant us strength and steadfastness. We lost Iman, the kind, beautiful, calm and dreamful journalist and photographer.”

Sondos Imad also mourned her friend: “My dear, I still can’t believe the news of your martyrdom. I’m still waiting for the war to end so I can see you. May God curse those who separated us and broke my heart with your departure. Iman Jamal Al-Oqaili, may God have mercy on you, my soul.”

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate condemned the killing of journalist Iman Al-Oqaili, calling on all international, Arab, and Palestinian organizations working in the women’s and human rights sectors to hold Israel accountable for its crimes against female journalists, who are being targeted for murder, arrest, and assault because of their journalistic work.



## The Martyred Journalist Mohammad Ali: The Union Voice Advocating for Journalists' Rights

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Journalist Mohammad Ali began his career as an advocate for journalists' rights, championing their demands for better working conditions. Alongside his work as a sound engineer at local radio stations, he was deeply involved in union activities.

Mohammad Ali, a journalist at Radio Al-Shabab, was martyred in an Israeli airstrike that targeted his home in northern Gaza City on October 20, 2023.

Mahmoud Al-Laqata, one of Mohammad's friends, shared that Mohammad had refused the Israeli military's orders for residents to evacuate northern Gaza and relocate to the south. He chose to stay in his home, where he was eventually targeted.

Mohammad Ali was born in Gaza City on December 30, 1992, where he completed his primary and secondary education. He graduated from the Department of Media and Mass Communication at Al-Azhar University in Gaza.

Since March 2016, Ali served as the general coordinator for the Student Media Group at the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate, and he continued in this role until his martyrdom.

Ali also worked as the head of the engineering department at Radio Al-Shabab in Gaza City.

Radio Al-Shabab mourned Mohammad in a post on October 20, 2023:



“In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful... ‘And reckon not those who are killed in Allah’s way as dead; nay, they are alive (and) are provided sustenance from their Lord”. With the utmost pride, patience, and steadfastness, Radio Al-Shabab in Gaza mourns its dear son, our martyred colleague, journalist Mohammad Ali (Abu Ahed), who was killed in an airstrike that targeted his home in northern Gaza. We offer our condolences to his family and the journalistic community at large, vowing to pursue accountability for the ongoing Israeli crimes against journalists.”

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate also mourned Mohammad Ali, urging the international community and its institutions to hold Israel accountable for its deliberate targeting of journalists, in violation of all international conventions and norms.

Mohammad’s friends and colleagues were deeply shocked by the news of his martyrdom. His colleague, Odai Al-Ghoul, posted on Facebook: “The heart cannot bear the farewell of loved ones. My dear friend and colleague Mohammad Ali. We just talked yesterday on a video call. It’s too soon, Abu Ali. We agreed to finish our work together once I return, and that you would teach me everything about sound engineering and broadcasting at the radio station. It’s too soon. May God have mercy on you and accept your martyrdom.”

Mohammad Rouhi, another friend of Ali, posted: “You broke my heart, my friend. May God’s mercy be upon you, the dearest of people... I loved hearing his voice every day. I had a feeling something was going to happen... He has gone to the most honorable among us all. May we meet in paradise.”

Salah Abdul Ati, head of the International Commission to Support Palestinian People’s Rights (ICSPR), said, “The targeting of journalist Mohammad Ali, along with other Palestinian journalists, is a crime that demands accountability under international laws that should protect journalists during wartime.”

Abdul Ati emphasized that Israel “deliberately targets journalists without regard for international laws, as it is granted political and legal impunity by the United States to act as it pleases.” He pointed out that the systematic targeting of journalists aims to obscure the truth from the world and cover up Israel’s crimes.



## **The Martyred Journalist Rushdi Al-Sarraj: We Will Leave Gaza Only to the Heaven**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

“As if the sky calls for friends... as if paradise cannot exist without friends,” with these words, the Palestinian TV host and journalist, Esraa Al-Mudallal, triggered the emotions of the audience during her heartfelt speech at the 7th Youth East International Conference, which was titled “Overcoming Obstacles.” These words were a result of her learning about the death of her colleague, photojournalist Rushdi Al-Sarraj, on October 22, 2023. These were the last words written by the martyr Al-Sarraj (31 years old) in a Facebook post on October 13, 2023: “We will not leave... we will leave Gaza... to Heaven... and only to Heaven.” Rushdi was at his family’s home in Tel Al-Hawa neighborhood, south of Gaza City, with his wife “Shorouq Al-Eila” and their infant daughter “Dania,” when they were suddenly hit by an Israeli airstrike that targeted the home on October 22, 2023, killing him instantly and injuring his wife and child.

Born in 1992, Rushdi Al Saraj was the son of the Mayor of Gaza, Yahya Al-Sarraj. He worked as a coordinator and translator for foreign journalists at Radio France, working with their correspondents since May 2021, according to the French Radio Station. Al-Sarraj was one of the founders of Ain Media agency that is specialized in photojournalism and producing films about the lives of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, that was f in 2013.

Al-Sarraj and his team at Ain Media produced many Palestinian films about the Israeli blockade imposed on Gaza since 2007, showcasing the bright side of this besieged region despite the hardships it faces. His creativity was also evident in his use of aerial photography to document the destruction caused by Israeli airstrikes on residential buildings in Gaza.

Previously, Al-Sarraj worked as a photographer for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA). According to the website Al-Watan, his wife, Shorouq Al-Eila, who was beside him when he was killed, stated that she was on the phone with her sister when she and her husband were leaving the house. Suddenly, bombs rained down on them, causing the house to collapse and the door to fall on her husband's head. She added: "I told my sister to call an ambulance, the entire door fell on his head, and I could see his brain in front of me."

In a Facebook post on October 22, 2023, Ain Media mourned its founder, Al-Sarraj, stating, "Hearts cried before eyes after Israeli occupation planes targeted our colleague, the founder of Ain Media, director Rushdi Yahya Al-Sarraj."

They added, "Rushdi spent 31 years among us, teaching us how to create a history full of achievements as he did. He taught us how Ain Media could leave a beautiful mark in the lives of everyone we worked with. Rushdi, the Palestinian journalist with a clear message, documented the truth and conveyed the suffering of the Palestinian people under occupation. Today, it saddens us that Rushdi became the news, and words fail to express our grief."

Amnesty International, in a post on its official page on October 23, 2023, said, "We are deeply saddened by the news of the death of journalist Rushdi Al-Sarraj in an Israeli airstrike that hit his family home in Tel Al-Hawa in Gaza City. Rushdi was a brilliant photojournalist and filmmaker and a co-founder of Ain Media, an independent group of Palestinian journalists and filmmakers in Gaza."

The organization noted that Rushdi worked with them last year to produce a short film highlighting the human toll of the Israeli attack on Gaza in August 2022. The organization also clarified that Rushdi was the third member of Ain Media to be killed; Ibrahim Lafi was killed on October 7, and Yasser Murtaja was killed in 2018 while covering the Great March of Return. According to their post, "Rushdi's only goal was to share stories from Gaza, not only during times of war and suffering, but also in the daily lives of Gaza's residents, who share their inspiring stories, even in their simplicity—stories that are steeped in pure joy and deep sorrow at the same time." Amnesty International ended its post by saying, "Rushdi is gone, leaving behind his wife Shorouq, his one-year-old daughter Dania, and many friends and colleagues who will carry the torch, and take Rushdi as a role model for commitment to truth, justice, and hope."



## **The Martyred Journalist Mohammed Lubbad - The Bridegroom Who Never Made it to His Wedding, and was Martyred with his Grandfather on the doorstep**

**By: Ahmad Abu Qamar**

He greeted everyone he met with a smile and kind words. He is known among his colleagues at the newspaper as the man with the cheerful face. The martyred journalist, Mohammad Imad Saeed Lubabd (27 years old), from Al-Risala Media Newspaper.

He was martyred on October 23, 2023, while sitting in front of his home in Sheikh Radwan neighborhood in Gaza City, with his grandfather, where they both ascended together.

Mohammed's death left a deep shock for everyone who knew him, as he was the bridegroom who was supposed to be married to his bride in just four days, on October 27 of the same month. Journalist colleagues did celebrate and accompany Mohammed, but to a better place, as a martyr and a new knight among a group of journalists who lost their lives during the war on Gaza.

Journalist Rola Abu Hashem, who worked with Mohammed in the new media department at Al-Resalah, mourned him on October 24, 2023, saying: "Yesterday, this young man also left us, our colleague, journalist Mohammed Imad Lubbad (27 years old), who worked with us in the new media department at Al-Resalah Media. We knew him as a polite, hardworking, and helpful young man. He was looking forward to starting a new chapter in his professional life and achieving his dreams alongside his fiancée, to whom he recently got engaged to. But the occupation did not give him time for all of this. He was martyred by an Israeli airstrike while sitting beside his grandfa-

ther in front of their house in Sheikh Radwan neighborhood, Gaza City.”

On its social media pages, the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate, the Committee to Support Journalists, and the Palestinian Media Forum all posted tributes to the martyred journalist Lubbad.

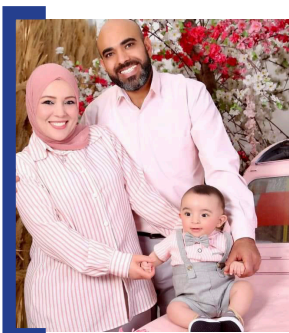
Lamis Al-Hams, editor-in-chief of Al-Resalah, also mourned him, saying: “We were talking to Mohammed just days before the war on Gaza began about his preparations for his wedding. He used to share a lot about the life he was planning.” She added, “We are deeply shocked by Mohammed’s passing. He always spoke so politely and had such a cheerful face, always willing to help his colleagues inside and outside the work. He would often ask if anyone needed assistance.” She emphasized that Al-Resalah, now bidding farewell to another one of its heroes after the martyrdom of his colleagues Mohammed Daher and Mohammed Attallah, remains committed to its mission of truth under its slogan, “Committed to the Truth.”

Ammar Qudeih, General Manager of Al-Resalah, mourned the martyred journalist Mohammed Lubbad, stating: “The martyrdom of our hero comes as part of the Israeli occupation’s repeated criminal behavior against journalists during its war on Gaza, deliberately targeting journalists and media outlets in an attempt to silence the witnesses to their crimes and the eyes of truth through whose cameras the world sees the massacres committed against our defenseless people. Mohammed never abandoned his mission and continued delivering the message until his last day. We will continue his path after his martyrdom.”

Dr. Imad Lubbad, the father of the martyr, an academic and lecturer in the Economics Department at Al-Aqsa University, mourned his eldest son with emotional words, saying: “My beloved child has gone before he could be wed, but your wedding in paradise will be more beautiful, my son.”

He added: “Mohammed, the passionate man with the kind words, loved his work immensely. He would often stay late at work, even after his shift ended, and when I asked him why he stayed late, he would tell me that he remained with his colleagues to organize the work better.”

He continued: “He loved new media so much and always talked to us about social media platforms and many topics that showed how he was evolving in his work. Mohammed may have left us, but he will always remain with us through his beautiful smile and the legacy of kindness he left behind.”



## **The Martyred Journalist Salma Mukhaimer... Came for a Temporary Visit to Gaza and Settled in a Permanent Grave**

**By: Yahya Al-Yaqubi**

The phone call abruptly cut off, igniting a flame of worry in his heart and fueling his concerns. He wondered whether the internet had been cut off in Gaza, plunged in total darkness, or if the phone's battery had suddenly died.

Ten minutes passed between the long phone call that Alaa Abu Shawar from Jordan had with his wife, journalist Salma Mukhaimer, who was visiting her family after three years of being away. It was 3:20 a.m. on October 24, 2023, when her friend, another journalist from Gaza, sent a message to inform him that his wife's family's home had been targeted.

Time passed slowly as he waited for any news to soothe his heart, which was burning with fear. Inside, the fires of terror consumed him. He replayed in his mind her last words to him: "The next meeting will be in paradise, my love. Don't forget to pray for us." In that moment, he found himself at a crossroads between life and death, joy and sorrow. His once-stable life was now threatened by Israel, though he was far from Gaza.

The journalist friend returned with the news, refusing to relay it directly. Instead, she sent pictures for him to absorb the devastating news and the severity of the situation on his own. She preferred not to say anything that would break his heart in half.

With eyes widened in shock, tears streaming down his face, he recognized the images one by one of his family members. Grief stood at the

door of his heart, ready to enter and settle. Then came the image of his wife and child, martyrs, drenched in their blood. His spirit left him with a sigh as he saw them. Along with his wife and child, her parents and four siblings (two brothers and two sisters) were also martyred in the massacre, as well as some displaced people who were staying in their home.

### **A Temporary Visit**

In a voice filled with sorrow, her husband spoke to us for the Martyred Journalists Documentation Project via phone, saying: “At the beginning of August 2023, Salma took her infant child, who had just turned one, and traveled to Gaza to visit her family and stay there for a while because I had to travel to Kuwait. It was heartbreaking when I saw my small child soaked in his own blood, along with his mother, whom I had just spoken to moments earlier.” He recalled the moments before her travel, saying: “She was so eager to travel to Gaza and waited for the date, moment by moment, especially since her family hadn’t yet seen our child and were anxious to meet him.”

Mukhaimer had studied journalism and Arabic language, and she was ambitious. Despite traveling and living abroad, she never abandoned her profession. She wrote for several Jordanian websites; her focus was dedicated to the Palestinian cause. She contributed to various news outlets and used her social media platforms as a means to engage with ongoing developments in Palestine.

Her husband bore witness to her ambition: “She saw journalism as a noble mission to convey the truth to the world, something that must be preserved. At home, she was the perfect wife and companion, a true example of the Palestinian wife who bore and raised children.”

At the iftar table, now missing his wife’s smile and the cooing of their child, Alaa placed a picture of the three of them on the wall behind the table to ease his loneliness whenever it was time for the Maghrib call to prayer. Tears of grief and loss accompanied him at every iftar. In those moments, her voice would echo from the pockets of his memory, reviving before him the details of a full life during Ramadan, a table once filled with joy at the arrival of their child, Ali. “Until now, I can’t comprehend that she’s gone. I still haven’t woken up from the shock. When she traveled to Gaza, I used to talk to her 24 hours a day. The bond between us was so strong. I’m talking about a love and friendship that can’t be

measured,” he said in a voice choked with tears.

Pain in his heart turned words into tears that poured from his voice: “The first Ramadan passed painfully and harshly. I returned home and felt a lump in my throat. The light that once shone brightly suddenly disappeared. It’s such a difficult feeling. I placed a large framed picture of them so I could feel their presence and ease my loneliness.”

The couple had originally been neighbors in Rafah since the 1990s. Alaa had traveled to Jordan and Russia before returning to Jordan, and fate brought him together with his neighbor, who would become his wife.

### **Great Ambition**

Salma Mukhaimer shared a close friendship with journalist Israa Al-Mudallal, starting from their days at university where they studied journalism and media together. The two friends would visit local newspapers and TV stations to hone their media skills and prepare themselves to enter the job market early.

Al-Mudallal, mourned her close friend: “Salma excelled in literary and humanistic writing. She loved to share everything with her friends and enjoyed joining them on outings. We used to study together, go to university together, and return home together since we both lived in Rafah, while the university was in Gaza.”

Despite the many relationships that Al-Mudallal had built due to her work as a presenter who gained widespread fame from her work on Al-Kitab Satellite Channel, she was careful to maintain her friendship with Salma. Reminiscing about the past, she said, “My door was always open to her. She knew my secrets, and she was always ambitious and determined to overcome challenges.”

Salma was known for her thoughtful gestures toward her friends. She would leave heartfelt words on small notes as keepsakes. Al-Mudallal described her as “a persistent and cultured individual who was shy yet always encouraged her friends to improve themselves in life and their media careers.”





## **The Martyred Journalist Saed Al-Halabi... Lived His Life Quietly and Left It while he was asleep**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

“Kind-hearted and gentle,” these are the qualities for which journalist Saed Al-Halabi was known among his family, children, and friends. Just as he lived his life quietly, he left it while sleeping.

Al-Halabi, a journalist working for Al-Aqsa Satellite Network, was martyred on October 25, 2023, in an Israeli airstrike that targeted his family’s home in Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza.

The Israeli airstrike destroyed Al-Halabi family home while they slept, killing Al-Halabi and five members of his family.

Saed Samir Mahmoud Al-Halabi was born in Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza on September 11, 1981. He completed his basic education in the camp’s schools and worked as an assistant cameraman for Al-Aqsa Satellite Network in Gaza.

His daughter, Farah Al-Halabi, mourned her father in an emotional post on Facebook, recalling their father-daughter moments: “Oh, my dearest father, may God have mercy on you and grant us patience to bear your loss. Who will spoil me and call me ‘Noosa’ now? Who will go shopping with us for Eid clothes, and who will joke with me and say, ‘This girl is so annoying,’ knowing that it would make me laugh? Oh, my dearest father, you’re lucky to be a martyr, but it’s so hard to bear your loss. If God spares us from this war, how will we ever go home without you, my beloved father?”

She added, “On Eid, you bought two suits—one olive-colored and the other grey. My dress was olive-colored, and I told you, ‘Dad, wear the olive suit so we can match, and we can take a picture together.’ You said, ‘Sure, darling, I’ll wear it for you, and I’ll save the grey one for a special occasion.’ And now you’re gone without ever wearing the grey suit.”

Saed’s daughter continued, “I’m so exhausted, and I still can’t believe it. Please, pray for us that God grants us patience. We will meet soon, God willing, my dear father.”

His friend, Mohammad Hamdouna, also posted on Facebook: “The eyes cry, and the heart grieves, and we are deeply saddened by your departure, beloved Abu Al-Abed. You deserved martyrdom and to receive this great honor. We ask God, just as He united us with you in this fleeting world, to unite us with you in the eternal life of truth in the presence of God Almighty. May God have mercy on you, kind-hearted and gentle soul.”

Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO, expressed her sorrow over the killing of journalist Saed Al-Halabi and called for an independent and full investigation into his death.

In a statement published on UNESCO’s website on November 7, 2023, Azoulay said: “I deplore the death of Saed al-Halabi. I reiterate my call for the respect of the UN Security Council Resolution 2222/2015 on the protection of journalists, media professionals and associated personnel as civilians in situations of conflict.” She also called for a full, independent investigation into the circumstances of his death.



## The Martyred Journalist Zahir Al-Afghani... You Left Us too Soon, Our Colleague

**By: Ahmad Abu Qamar**

Our colleague, journalist Zahir Zahir Al-Afghani (27 years old) from Deir Al-Balah in central Gaza, did not give us much time before he departed early in an Israeli airstrike that targeted a group of civilians he was among.

Journalist Zahir Al-Afghani was martyred in the first month of the war on Gaza, specifically on October 25, 2023. He was among the first journalists to leave us during this war, which claimed the lives of more than 140 journalists.

Al-Afghani worked for Methaq Media Network, in addition to being a freelance journalist for several media outlets. His friend, Mamdouh Daloul, mourned him in a post on social media platform "X": "The noble and honorable journalist Zahir has left us in an Israeli airstrike targeting a group of civilians. You left too soon, our colleague. May you rest in paradise."

His friend and journalist colleague Fadi Hegazy detailed his martyrdom when he shared that Zahir was martyred when a group of civilians near his home was targeted while he walking down the street.

In a statement to the "Martyred Journalists Documentation Project," Hegazy said, "My colleague Zahir was one of the first journalists to cover the events of the war on Gaza, moving between locations as a reporter and sharing news on social media, delivering updates to the public as they happened."

He explained that Al-Afghani was among the first journalists to leave us, part of a long list of journalist martyrs who have fallen during the war on Gaza.

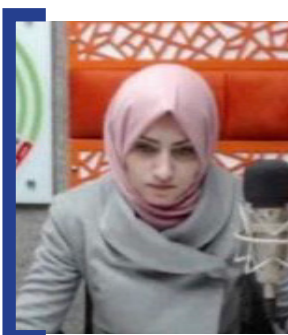
Tawfiq Al-Sayed Salem, the president of the Palestinian Media Assembly, also mourned journalist Zahir Al-Afghani, who was killed in an Israeli air-strike on a group of civilians. In a statement to the “Martyred Journalists Documentation Project,” he said, “Journalist Al-Afghani remained faithful to his journalistic mission until his martyrdom, never faltering despite the heavy bombardment and destruction. He walked the path of martyrdom alongside many journalists who died to elevate the Palestinian cause.”

He added, “We promise our late colleague, Al-Afghani, and the dozens of other journalists who died in this war, that we will continue following their path and fulfill their mission.”

Salem emphasized the need to prosecute Israel in international courts for its deliberate targeting of journalists and their families as part of its genocidal war on Gaza.

In a tweet, the Palestinian Journalists’ Syndicate mourned journalist Zahir Al-Afghani, calling for an end to the massacres against journalists in Gaza. Meanwhile, the Palestinian Media Forum in a statement mourning Al-Afghani affirmed that the targeting of journalists would not deter them from exposing the ongoing crimes of the Israeli occupation against civilians in Gaza.

In a statement to the “Martyred Journalists Documentation Project,” Ismail Al-Thawabta, director of the Government Media Office in Gaza, said: “Journalist Zahir Al-Afghani is one of the dozens of journalists who were martyred during the genocide war Israel is waging against Gaza.” Al-Thawabta emphasized that the targeting of journalists is a deliberate act aimed at halting the truth from being revealed and exposing the actions of the Israeli occupation in Gaza. He called for Israel to be brought to trial in international courts and for the protection of journalists working in Palestine, as stipulated in international conventions.



## The Martyred Journalist “Doa’a Sharaf”: The Evening is No Longer Colorful

**By: Yahya Al-Yaqubi**

Behind the radio microphone, every evening young journalist Doa’a Sharaf would greet the Palestinian community in Gaza through her specialized radio program, “Colorful Evening,” offering advice to people to encourage them to embrace life. Little did she know that on the evening of October 26, 2023, her own evening would be painted in blood, and that she will face challenges far greater than anyone could imagine.

Since the start of the Israeli aggression on Gaza on October 7, Sharaf had been presenting news bulletins on Al-Aqsa Radio, covering the unfolding events. For several days, she continued her professional work, but as the war intensified and the Israeli airstrikes increasingly targeted Palestinian journalists, her ability to report became impossible. She was forced to leave her home in southern Gaza City and move to her family’s house on Yarmouk Street, seeking safety for herself and her 14-month-old son, Obeida, whom she desperately tried to protect from the horrors of war and rockets.

Sharaf had always shared life advice with her listeners, guiding them on how to overcome obstacles and urging them to live with love, passion, and determination to achieve their goals. Yet, she did not anticipate that life would confront her with one of history’s most brutal challenges, and that her evening would be stained with blood, immersed in grief and darkness, bringing the wheel of life to a halt.

In the early days of the war, her son Obeida suffered from suffocation,

and they spent an entire day at the hospital. The child never left his mother's arms as she feared for his safety, focusing solely on caring for him and thus was unable to continue her work. Her husband, journalist Mahmoud Haniya, was surprised by her constant closeness to their child, asking her to take a break. But she always refused, replying with words that still echo in his mind: "Obeida is my soul. I can't live without him."

### **A Dream Destroyed**

On October 26, the last bit of milk for the child ran out, thus his father left to search for a pharmacy that still had baby formula. After more than two hours of searching, he finally found a can and returned quickly, his face lit with a smile, relieved that he could finally feed his hungry child and stop the crying. However, he soon halted as multiple airstrikes shook the area, followed by massive explosions that seemed like an earthquake had struck, with smoke filling the sky. For the first time, Haniya found himself standing before the destruction of an entire neighborhood, wiped out by Israeli planes within mere seconds. He had never seen anything like it in his life, and now he and his family had become the story.

He began frantically searching for his infant son and wife, who had been in an eight-story apartment building that was now leveled to the ground, with no signs of life remaining. The building was unrecognizable, and so too were his child and wife, buried under massive debris. One of the neighbors tried to comfort him, patting him on the shoulder: "Maybe you'll find someone alive."

After nine days of searching and removing the rubble, Haniya was finally able to retrieve the remains of his son and wife, though identifying them was extremely difficult due to the destruction caused by the Israeli missiles that damaged their bodies. Haniya's voice trembled as he recalled the heavy details: "Along with my wife, 55 members of her family were martyred, their entire family was wiped out. At the moment of the bombing, my wife was holding our baby in her arms."



## The Martyred Journalist Majd Arandas... His Lens Painted Artistic Scenes of Gaza's Beauty

**By: Yahya Al-Yaqubi**

In search of Gaza's brighter side, journalist Majd Arandes used his lens to capture the beauty of the Gaza Strip. He focused on sunsets, the sparkling reflections of light on the sea, and created stunning images of the beach, horses, and vacationers. He skillfully blended shadows and colors, and with every picture he shared, he presented a masterpiece. He wandered through parks, streets, and the sea, using his camera to paint life in vibrant colors, full of hope and energy, proving that Gaza is not just a place of death.

Majd, a young journalist in his twenties, did not ignore the suffering of the people under the Israeli blockade of Gaza. He stood in solidarity with his people's plight, depicting their suffering through his reports and photos. He also covered the genocide committed by Israel during the war on Gaza, which began on October 7, 2023.

When you go through the photos he shared on the Facebook page of the "Palestinian Association for Photography," you'll find artistic works. One photo shows the shadow of a young man raising his hands to the sky, with the sky dressed in a deep red background.

Another photo captured different shapes and angles, seemingly in love with the moment when the sun is about to set, its round disk nearing the water's surface—a moment cherished by skilled photographers. His photos ranged from a lioness in a cage to four young men walking along the beach with the sun peeking between their hands at sunset, images of lightning, carts on the shore, sports competitors, and a little girl with colored eyes.

Arandas participated in several photography camps and exhibitions, including the “Alleyways” exhibition in Al Nuseirat Camp in 2017. He was a graduate of the College of Media and Communication at Al-Aqsa University.

On November 1, 2023, the Israeli occupation wrote the final chapter of a young Palestinian journalist’s dreams when Majd was killed in an Israeli airstrike that targeted his home in Al Nuseirat Camp, in the heart of Gaza.

“I was shocked when I saw a post mourning Majd Arandas. How? Why? I couldn’t find an answer except that this occupation is criminal, targeting journalists and everyone who exposes the genocide in Gaza. This cycle of bloodshed is endless,” said his friend Saeb Eid, describing the news of Majd’s martyrdom as a devastating blow.

The two friends had bonded before joining university, and their friendship grew closer during their studies of journalism and media. “We used to go out together. Majd wasn’t a loner—he didn’t like chaos in life. He was an organized, polite, and well-mannered person. In tough times, all you had to do was call his name, and he’d be there for you,” Saeb recalled. Grief flowed from Saeb’s heart as he spoke to the “Martyred Journalists Documentation Project”: “Majd wasn’t just an ordinary person to me. He was like a breeze. After graduation, he would always call me. I remember him teasing me whenever he called: ‘Where are you, the worst person in the world?’ And I would reply his always, ‘Hello, to the best person ever.’”

Saeb added, “Majd worked quietly and accomplished much. He had a saying I’ll never forget: ‘When a chicken lays an egg, the whole neighborhood hears about it, but when a fish lays a thousand eggs, no one hears a sound.’ He excelled at writing reports and made his mark in radio and television.”

With a great deal of ambition, Majd lived up to his name, aiming for the highest levels of excellence in his work. He dreamed of traveling and had set out a limitless path for himself, hoping to pursue higher studies, just like other young people at the beginning of their lives. But the occupation refused to let his dreams live.

Majd, with his radiant presence, bright smile, and high moral character, left behind his family and friends. However, his legacy, his work, and the photos he shared with the “Palestinian Photography Group” remain as lasting evidence of Majd’s creativity and his remarkable photographs.





## **The Martyred Journalist Mohammad Abu Hatab... His Last Television Appearance**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

On the evening of November 2, 2023, journalist Mohammad Abu Hatab finished his reporting in front of the Palestine TV camera outside Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, covering the devastating Israeli war on Gaza. He bid farewell to his colleagues to return to his family, eager to see his children, unaware that this would be his last television appearance. As soon as Abu Hatab stepped into his home, Israeli missiles rained down, killing him and 11 other family members, including his wife, his eldest son Asem, and his brother Islam.

In his final televised report, Abu Hatab said: “We are witnessing all these painful scenes that break the hearts of our people, and this wound continues to bleed.”

Palestine TV posted on its Telegram channel: “Our colleague Abu Hatab was deliberately assassinated moments after entering his home. The reporter became the story.”

Ibrahim Qannan, a correspondent for Al-Ghad TV in Khan Younis, revealed the final moments of Abu Hatab’s life, saying: “He was with us at Nasser Medical Complex just half an hour before his martyrdom. He was going to see his children after being away from them for several days.”

On November 3, Palestine TV journalist Salman Al-Bashir delivered an emotional on-air report following the death of his colleague Abu Hatab. He removed his jacket and helmet, saying: “There is no protection, no international protection at all, no immunity from anything. These shields

do not protect us, nor do these helmets. These are just symbols we wear, but they don't protect any journalist at all. These protective gears don't keep us safe."

He added: "We are dying one after the other, and no one cares about us or the widespread catastrophe and crimes in Gaza."

Samer Abu Daqa, a cameraman for Al Jazeera, mourned his colleague Abu Hatab with words of sorrow and grief, before he himself was martyred in an Israeli airstrike targeting him in the town of Abasan, east of Khan Younis, on December 15, 2023.

The Palestinian Ministry of Information mourned journalist Abu Hatab, emphasizing his significant role throughout his career, especially during the brutal war on the people of Gaza.

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate condemned the killing of Abu Hatab, calling on the international community to confront the Israeli aggression and bring an end to the war.



## The Martyred Journalist Haitham Harara... A Martyr Among the Convoy of the Wounded

**By: Ahmad Abu Qamar**

“We will not leave, and we will not flee. All you will see from us is steadfastness and certainty. If there is any migration, it will either be to our occupied lands or to God, the Lord of all worlds.”

With these words, martyred journalist Haitham Sharif Harara (30 years old) expressed his stance on the war on Gaza in a post on social media platform Facebook.

“You kept your promise, Haitham, and your wish came true. You remained steadfast in your media mission until you ascended as a martyr.”

Haitham Harara, a journalist who lived in Al-Shuja'iya neighborhood in eastern Gaza City, was martyred on November 3, 2023, while performing his work at Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City, where he worked as an English-language editor for the Palestinian Media Agency (Al-Rai).

Harara had completed a bachelor's degree in English and also worked as a translator for delegations visiting the Government Media Office in Gaza.

On that fateful day, Harara was accompanying a convoy of wounded individuals leaving Al-Shifa Hospital on November 3, 2023, heading south in preparation for their travel abroad. During his coverage of the suffering of the wounded in English, Israeli warplanes targeted the convoy with several missiles at the entrance of Al-Shifa Hospital, resulting in Harara's martyrdom.

In a statement, the head of the Government Media Office, Salama Ma'rouf, mourned the martyr Haitham Harara.

"We bid farewell to this media knight who dismounted today to join the convoy of martyred media personnel. From the first day of the aggression, he was committed to conveying the plight of our people and exposing the crimes of this Nazi occupation in foreign languages," Marouf said.

He added: "Despite the bombing of his home in Al-Shuja'iya and the martyrdom of many of his relatives, the martyr Harara did not waver in fulfilling his professional and national duty. We vow to continue along the same path to expose the occupation's crimes against our people."

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate also mourned journalist Haitham Harara, affirming that the deliberate targeting of journalists by the occupation is an international crime.

The syndicate stated: "Journalist Haitham Harara was martyred in the massacre at the gate of Al-Shifa Hospital while conveying the media message in English."

Ismail Al-Thawabteh, director of Al-Rai Agency, emphasized that Israel's deliberate targeting of journalists and medical teams constitutes a full-fledged war crime. He praised Harara's professional life, saying: "The martyr Harara was one of the knights of the Government Media Office and Al-Rai Agency, delivering the plight of the Palestinian people to the foreign journalists and foreign media outlets."

Al-Thawabteh concluded: "The Palestinian Media Agency has lost four of its finest journalists during the war on Gaza. In addition to the martyr Haitham Harara, our colleagues Ahmad Al-Madhoun, Mohammad Al-Af, and Mohammad Al-Zaytounia also ascended as martyrs."



## **The Martyred Journalist Mohammad Abu Hasira... Martyred Alongside His Wife and 4 Children in a Family Massacre**

**By: Ahmad Abu Qamar**

“We will not evacuate to southern Gaza. We will stay in our home. Leaving would be humiliation and disgrace, however staying is resilience and victory.” These were the powerful words of martyred journalist Mohammad Kamel Abu Hasira (53 years old) during the war on Gaza.

Martyr Abu Hasira, who worked for the Palestinian official news agency “WAFA,” was a father of five children. He was martyred along with his wife, four of his children, 12 grandchildren, and several of his siblings and their children. His son Abdul Rahman was the sole survivor.

Abu Hasira began his career in 1994 in the information department of the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation and later worked as an assistant cameraman in the photography department at the Official News Agency WAFA.

On the evening of November 4, 2023, Israeli forces targeted Abu Hasira’s multi-story home near the Gaza port, leveling it to the ground. The family members remained buried under the rubble for hours before their bodies were retrieved and laid to rest. The event was a massacre, killing children, women, and neighbors, as the entire residential block where Abu Hasira lived was destroyed.

In a statement, the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate mourned journalist Abu Hasira who was martyred with most of his family members: “Today, we bid farewell to one of the champions of journalism at the official news agency WAFA, who never failed to deliver the truth, share the im-

age, and carry the messages of the Palestinian cause.”

The statement added, “May God have mercy on journalist Abu Hasira and his family. The images he captured will remain a constant reminder of the scene and will never fade away.”

WAFA Agency also mourned its colleague and son Mohammad Abu Hasira, as it highlighted his deep national values, which accompanied him throughout his professional career.

WAFA Agency said the blood of martyr Mohammad Abu Hasira and his family will always be present, haunting of the occupation for its crimes. It continued: “We will not deviate from the mission we set together with our colleague Mohammad over the years. farewell our friend, until we meet again.”

Abdul Rahman, the sole surviving son of journalist Abu Hasira, mourned his father and family, saying: “I bid farewell to my father and family to their final resting place, after they were martyred in a deliberate massacre by Israeli airstrikes.”

He added: “My father loved his work, and promoted there since he worked at the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation. Alongside his work, he also loved fishing.”

He continued: “My father rejected the idea of evacuating to southern Gaza or even talking about it. He would always say that staying was necessary, and that what happened in the Nakba of 1948 would not happen again.” Mohammad’s son-in-law, journalist Mahmoud Abu Hasira, a photographer for Falasteen Newspaper, who lost his wife and two children in the same event, mourned his father-in-law, saying: “My father-in-law was a kind, helpful man who loved his work and was dedicated to our Palestinian cause. Anyone who sat with him would hear him talk passionately about his love for the homeland.”

He added: “He perceived his work as a photographer as a mission and a cause that required all his effort, considering it a form of resistance against the occupation through documenting the suffering of our people.”

He concluded: “May God have mercy on my wife, her father, my children, and all our relatives. God is sufficient for us, and He is the best disposer of affairs.”



## **The Martyred Journalist Mohammad Al-Jajah... Mourners Returned to mourn Him**

**By: Yahya Al-Yaqubi**

“We are all by ourselves!” wrote journalist Mohammad Al-Jajah in a single, heart-wrenching post filled with bitterness and sorrow about the state of his people. This post, published on November 4, 2023, summarized the international silence and betrayal in the face of the genocide crimes committed by the Israeli occupation against the Palestinian people.

Two days before this final post, Mohammad had mourned the loss of his cousin and the husband of his cousin’s daughter, who had joined his wife, daughter, and mother in martyrdom. Mohammad wrote a farewell on Facebook: “To the gardens of eternity and mercy from God.” His post quickly filled with condolences from friends, who tragically returned to mourn Mohammad on the same post after he, too, was killed by Israeli forces on November 6, 2023, in his home in Al-Nasr neighborhood of Gaza City. His wife, daughters, parents, siblings, and relatives were also martyred in the same airstrike.

Al-Jajah did not know, as he typed his words of grief, that he would be the next target of the Israeli military. He had spent years addressing the international media in English, trying to convey the Palestinian story, but did not realize that the same media would ultimately will side with the oppressor, silencing the voice of the victim and preventing the truth from reaching the global audience.

Al-Jajah worked at the House of Journalism for Freedom of Media and was fluent in English, using his skills to communicate with foreigners and

inform them of the ongoing events in Gaza during Israel's repeated wars on the Gaza Strip.

Bilal Jadallah, director of the House of Journalism, mourned Mohammad before being martyred himself, saying that Mohammad exemplified professional ethics and bravery. "He was the best at writing about his people's suffering in English for international media. After finishing his writing, he would spend the rest of the day during the war running between bakeries, water stations, and shops to provide for those around him and the colleagues and assist the distressed," Jadallah said.

Jadallah added, "Al\_Jaja refused to evacuate to the south and remained steadfast in his home until he was martyred. Today, he was supposed to travel to France to attend an international conference on global media, but instead, he ascended to paradise. No words can express my deep sorrow at your painful loss."

Abdullah Saeed, a childhood and high school friend of Mohammad, who had been separated from him by their different paths in university, mourned his friend. Mohammad's passion for English helped him secure a job at a prestigious institution like the House of Journalism. "Whenever he saw me, he'd say, 'Come, let me teach you English.' He'd tell me how the Swedish ambassador gifted him a rare book of uncommon English words after being impressed by his fluency," Saeed recounted.

Al-Jaja was well known for his influence on social media platforms, where his passing cast a shadow of sadness over his friends both inside and outside Palestine. Noor Al-Jundi posted on his wall, still in shock: "Mohammad! I opened Messenger to check on you, and I saw the shocking news. It's such a huge loss. May God have mercy on you."

The House of Journalism, where Mohammad worked, is one of the few independent media institutions in Gaza that has always stood with Palestine. Mohammad's character played a significant role in shaping the organization's policy, which focused on uniting Palestinian media efforts to support their cause, while avoiding internal political disputes.





## The Martyred Journalist Ahmad Al-Qara... A Bright Face of Al-Aqsa University

**By: Yahya Al-Yaqubi**

“Like a moon that slept, while our longing never rests,” with these words filled with pain, Mohammad mourned his brother, journalist Ahmad Al-Qara, who was martyred in an Israeli airstrike east of Khan Younis on November 10, 2023.

Ahmad, who worked as a photographer and journalist at Al-Aqsa University and was pursuing a master’s degree in journalism and media, was known for his cheerful face and constant smile. He was responsible for capturing graduation ceremonies at the university, bringing joy to students by documenting the graduation at the end of their academic journey.

On October 5, Ahmad finished photographing the last graduation ceremony at the university, after days of hard work and exhaustion, preparing and spending long hours on campus to capture the happiness of the students. Just two days later, the war of genocide began in Gaza, and Ahmad, like the rest of the people in the Strip, faced the hardships of war until his martyrdom.

Many students at the university expressed their deep sadness over losing their photographer with “the cheerful face and high morals.” Though their words differed, the sentiments of loss were the same. Shams Mahmoud wrote: “No words can truly mourn you, our university photographer. We all witnessed your dedication and hard work during the university celebrations. Your last days at the university were exhausting, but it’s no surprise you were martyred—this is the hero’s way.”

His brother Zakaria Al-Qara mourned him with heartfelt words on Facebook: “In every encounter we had during the war, you were always

so happy, your smile never left your face. You always inspired me to be like you and encouraged me to bring out the best in myself. You were kind-hearted well-mannered and known for your morals and ethics. You have now joined our brother Abdullah.”

Ahmad Al-Qara was born in 1988 in the border town of Khuza’a, east of Khan Younis. He attended Khuza’a Elementary and Middle School in Bani Suhaila area and later graduated from Martyrs of Khuza’a High School. He worked as a journalist and photographer for Al-Aqsa University and was pursuing a master’s degree in journalism and media. His friend and classmate in the master’s program, Ahmad Al-Sheikh, described how Ahmad mastered photography and took every opportunity to capture students in various poses around campus. He also took artistic shots of students studying, immersing themselves in their work.

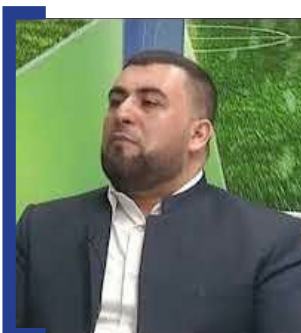
Al-Sheikh recalled their time together at university, from 2016 to 2020: “We shared many moments in class, and Ahmad was always ambitious, striving to better himself in the field of media, dedicated to attending lectures and completing assignments.”

The two friends shared many lighthearted moments. Al-Sheikh fondly remembered one: “Ahmad would often post pictures of the meals his wife prepared for him. During one lecture, while presenting an assignment, he made a few mistakes. The professor joked with him, ‘You’re good at eating crabs but not so good at presenting their photos!’ He always had funny moments like that.”

One of his colleagues, Ilham Said, expressed her shock and sorrow at Ahmad’s martyrdom: “The news hit like a thunderbolt. He documented all our beautiful moments at the university, and now he is a martyr. He was the best teacher, always helpful and wise, never showing anything but kindness and a beautiful smile.”

She described Ahmad as “a father and a brother” to the students, always helping anyone who approached him to learn technical skills in photography and journalism. He gave hope to everyone who sought his guidance.

Around the campus, Ahmad could often be seen walking around, capturing special moments of the students. This habit caught Said’s attention: “I always saw him walking around the university, taking distinctive photos. He was present at every event, and if you approached him, he never turned you down, always greeting you with a bright smile.”



## **The Martyred Journalist Mousa Al-Barsh... Founder of Nama Radio**

**By: Ahmad Abu Qamar**

Nama'a Radio, which broadcasts from Gaza, cannot be mentioned without remembering its founder and general manager, the martyred journalist Mousa Anan Mohammad Al-Barsh (35 years old). He was the visionary behind the rise of Nama'a Radio, which expanded into the Nama'a Institution, incorporating a social, sports, and entertainment club alongside the radio station.

Mousa, known among the journalism community as "Abu Anan," was killed in an Israeli airstrike on his family home on November 13, 2023.

The attack took the lives of Mousa, his brother, fellow journalist Yaqoub, and dozens of their family members and relatives in a horrific massacre in Jabalia area of northern Gaza.

In a previous interview with Al-Kofiya TV, Mousa shared the story of how Nama'a Institution began as a dream and eventually became a reality.

He spoke about the institution's goals and aspirations to develop the journalists working at Nama'a Radio, with a focus on reporting the struggles of the Palestinian people and supporting the community. He also discussed the Nama'a Sports Club, which recently started competing in the First Grade and was vying for promotion to the Premier League in the 2022-2023 season. He ensured that he always aimed, alongside his journalist colleagues, to make Nama'a Radio one of the top local radio stations.

Journalist Ahmad Al-Barsh, from Palestine Today TV, stated: “The Israeli occupation deliberately targeted my cousin Mousa’s home because Israel seeks to eliminate the elite of our society—journalists, doctors, engineers, and others.” He added to the “Martyred Journalists Documentation Project”: “Journalist Abu Anan was known to all the of Jabalia. He was always quick to do good, in addition to his journalistic work.”

He continued, “I mourn my cousin, the journalist Mousa, his brothers, their children, and their women. The loss is immense, and the massacre is unforgivable.”

Regarding the details of Mousa’s martyrdom, Ahmad explained: “Suddenly and without warning, Israeli warplanes bombed their multi-story home, burying all its residents under the rubble. It took several days for us to recover their bodies.”

Ahmad Al Barsh, who had been injured while reporting in Rafah in January, called for Israel to be held accountable internationally for its deliberate killing of dozens of Palestinian journalists.

He emphasized that Israel cannot continue to kill so many journalists during their professional work and daily lives, without being held accountable.

Yahya Al-Qassas, a friend and master’s degree classmate of Mousa, wrote on “X”: “Our friend and fellow master’s student, journalist Mousa Al-Barsh, has been martyred. We have lost one of the well-known figures in Jabalia. May God have mercy on you, Abu Anan.”

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate condemned in a press release Israel’s deliberate massacre of the family of journalist Mousa Al-Barsh. “Today, we lost a journalist who left a mark in advancing radio work. The series of farewells for martyred journalists continues as they fall during the war on Gaza.”

The Palestinian Media Forum also mourned the loss of Mousa and his family, affirming that the deliberate targeting of journalists will not stop revealing the truth or exposing Israel’s ongoing crimes.



## The Martyred Journalist Yaqoub Al-Barsh, the Legal Journalist Leaves Us

**By: Ahmad Abu Qamar**

The polite journalist Yaqoub Anan Mohammad Al-Barsh (30 years old), who loved journalism although he studied law, has passed away. He worked hand in hand with his brother, the martyred journalist Mousa, to establish Nama'a Radio and advance the Nama'a Institution.

Yaqoub held the position of executive director of Nama'a Radio and was the mastermind behind the station's operations, programs, and overall direction.

On November 13, 2023, Yaqoub was martyred alongside his brother Mousa and dozens of their family members and relatives in a brutal Israeli airstrike that targeted their home in Jabalia in northern Gaza.

Several missiles hit the multi-story building where Yaqoub and his family lived, burying them all under the rubble. It took the civil defense teams several difficult days to recover their bodies.

Journalist Yaqoub studied law at Al-Azhar University in Gaza and worked as a broadcaster at Nama'a Radio from its early days. He later became the station's executive director.

In a post on "X," Ahmad Khaled mourned Yaqoub, saying: "We have lost a well-mannered young man, who was always supporting his friends, and was loved by all who worked with him. May God have mercy on journalist Yaqoub Al-Barsh."

In another tweet, Issa Abu Ghosh wrote: "Israel is systematically target-

ing medical infrastructure to communications to those reporting events in Gaza, to pave the way and cover up the genocide it is committing. Namma'a Radio's executive director, journalist Yaqoub Al-Barsh, is martyred after his home was targeted by Israeli warplanes."

Yaqoub's cousin, journalist Ahmad Al-Barsh, a correspondent for Palestine Today TV, mourned him, saying: "I bid farewell to my cousin and lifelong friend, the martyr Yaqoub. He was my closest friend; we grew up together, but he left us too soon."

Journalist Ahmad added to the "Martyred Journalists Documentation Project": "Anyone who knew Yaqoub closely understands the great loss the journalistic community has suffered with his passing." He emphasized the enormity of the shock from losing Yaqoub, Mousa, and his family, questioning the international role in protecting journalists. "The whole world praises freedom and democracy, yet journalists are killed and injured by the dozens in Gaza as part of a genocide aimed at silencing the Palestinian voice that speaks the truth and shares the people's suffering." Al Barsh called for a serious international stance to protect journalists and to bring Israel to justice, stressing that these crimes cannot go unpunished.

In separate statements, the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate and the Palestinian Media Forum mourned journalist Yaqoub, his brother Mousa Al-Barsh and their family. Both organizations affirmed that this crime will not silence the journalists who continue to expose Israeli crimes.

Journalist Nour Al-Din Saleh from Falasteen newspaper mourned his colleague Yaqoub, who was martyred in the airstrike on his home last November.

In his interview with the "Martyred Journalists Documentation Project," Nour Al-Din said: "I've known my colleague Yaqoub for over six years. We worked together in the field of journalism. He was generous, well-mannered, and was loved by everyone who worked with him."

He concluded: "We ask God for mercy and forgiveness for you, my colleague Yaqoub. The crime of killing you and your family cannot go unpunished. We will keep our promise to you, our friend."



## The Martyred Journalist Ahmed Foteima: Egypt's Eye that Wept for Gaza

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Journalist Ahmed Foteima was Egypt's eye in the Gaza Strip, and a key source for the Egyptian public to uncover the atrocities committed by Israel there. His reporting did not sit well with Israel, and he was killed in an airstrike that targeted him.

Ahmed Foteima, a cameraman for Cairo News Channel and a staff member of the Press House in Gaza, was killed on November 13, 2023, in an Israeli bombing near Al-Shifa Hospital in western Gaza. He was documenting the aftermath of intense Israeli airstrikes on the Gaza Strip.

Born in Gaza City in 1993, Foteima was a father of two children, Ayman and Mahmoud. He graduated with a degree in Arabic Language and Media from Al-Azhar University.

Foteima had been working as a cameraman for Cairo News Channel and an employee at the Press House since April 2007.

In his final appearance, Foteima was covering Israeli attacks around Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza before an Israeli airstrike targeted the area where he was standing, killing him instantly.

The "Gaza Martyrs" account on X mourned Foteima: "He used to embrace children at Al-Shifa Hospital to comfort them and ease their fear due to the Israeli bombings. He was kind-hearted, gentle, and loved by all his colleagues. In every gathering of friends, he was always present, and if he missed one, everyone asked about him."

Foteima was a witness to the suffering of the Palestinian people in Gaza during the latest Israeli attacks. He did his utmost to cover the events, and his humanitarian message was evident in all his journalistic work. In his final moments, before passing away, he was documenting the magnitude of the catastrophe unfolding in Gaza.

Journalist Foteima was active on social media, particularly Facebook. In his last post, Foteima mourned his close friend from the Press House, Mohamed Al-Jaja, who was killed along with his family in an Israeli strike that targeted his home on November 8, 2023. Foteima followed him and was killed just five days later.

The killing of Ahmed Foteima sparked outrage. The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate mourned him, and its counterpart in Cairo condemned the targeting of Foteima, calling for the perpetrators to be tried as war criminals.”

Ahmed Al-Taheri, head of Cairo’s news channels, expressed his grief and condolences over the loss of Cairo News’ correspondent. He said: “This tragedy adds to the list of heinous crimes committed by the Israeli occupation forces, which have claimed the lives of those who carry cameras and pens to convey the truth to the world. This incident is just another addition to the dark record of the current war, but it will not deter journalists and media professionals from fulfilling their mission.”

Nasser Al-Omari, a board member of the Egyptian Lawyers Syndicate and head of the “Support for Palestine” committee within the syndicate, strongly condemned the targeting of Foteima.

Al-Omari added that the committee would rely on this incident, among others involving the targeting of journalists in Gaza, in its legal actions to prosecute the Israeli occupation.





## **The Martyred Journalist Huthaifa Loulou: Four Months Beneath the Rubble**

**By: Ahmed Abu Qamar**

On the tragic night of November 13, 2023, journalist Huthaifa Samir Fahmi Loulou (31 years old), a memorizer of Al Qur'an, and his family were victims of a horrific massacre in Al-Rimal neighborhood of Gaza City.

That rainy evening, Israeli warplanes bombed the Loulou family's home, killing the journalist, his wife, daughter, father, grandmother, uncle, and their children.

This horrific massacre claimed the lives of more than 15 people. Huthaifa and his family were absent from the scene for nearly four months, with his body still trapped under the rubble.

Huthaifa Loulou worked as a sound engineer and program presenter at Radio Al-Asra (Prisoners Radio), where his distinctive voice made him well-known among his colleagues.

Dr. Ezzedine Loulou, Huthaifa's brother, mourned his loss, emphasizing the barbarity of the Israeli occupation, which only perpetrated this massacre because it enjoys impunity.

Speaking to the "Martyred Journalists Documentation Project," Dr. Loulou said his brother, who completed his engineering studies, loved journalism so much that he had pursued it for many years in radio work where he excelled due to his distinctive voice.

"I always followed his programs with pride. He was not only my brother but also my friend. This war deprived us from him," said Dr. Loulou. He

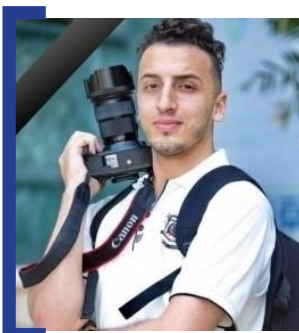
called on free journalists worldwide to adopt the cause of Palestinian journalists and demand justice for the martyred journalists and their families. He also urged for the recovery of Huthaifa's body and the bodies of other family members from under the rubble, so they could be buried with dignity.

Legal expert Dr. Mustafa Ibrahim affirmed that the targeting of journalists is part of the genocide committed by Israeli authorities against the Palestinian people. "The killing of over 140 journalists in this war is unprecedented in any conflict globally and demonstrates the brutality of Israel's actions against various segments of the Palestinian population, including journalists."

Dr. Ibrahim told the "Martyred Journalists Documentation Project" that this assault on Palestinian journalists is nothing new, as they have been systematically targeted for years. He called out the gross violation of human rights and international law, which has failed miserably in compelling Israel to stop killing civilians, journalists, civil defense and rescue teams.

Regarding the bombing of the Loulou family, Dr. Ibrahim commented, "It is impossible to comprehend the scale of the crime involved in bombing a journalist's home, leaving women and children under the rubble for months due to the sheer force of the explosion and the devastation it wrought on their home."

He stressed the need to hold Israel accountable for its targeting of journalists. "What is happening cannot go unpunished, and if it does, it is a sign of international complicity and double standards."



## **The Martyred Journalist Musab Ashour: Four Days Beneath the Rubble**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

For a university student who had not yet completed his studies, young journalist Musab Ashour was an icon and a role model among his peers in the rising generation of journalists.

However, this war brought a tragic end to this ambitious young man. He was martyred in an Israeli airstrike that targeted Al Nuseirat Camp market on November 14, 2023, claiming the lives of around 80 Palestinians.

Musab's friend, Khaled Al-Ashi, recounted that Ashour remained trapped beneath the rubble of the market and nearby homes for several days, with no one knowing whether he was alive or dead until his body was recovered, and his martyrdom was confirmed on November 18, 2023.

Born in Gaza City on October 5, 2001, Musab Ashour completed his high school education at Hassan Al-Harazeen Secondary School for Boys in 2019. He was an outstanding student in the Department of Media and Communication Technology at the University College of Applied Sciences in Gaza, where he had been studying since December 31, 2020, until his martyrdom.

Ashour also worked as a photographer for the Public Relations Department at the college from October 10, 2021, until his passing. Additionally, he did commercial photography and video editing for Al-Kamel Advertising Institution.

Musab had a passion for travel and to document his journeys through

his lens to showcase the cultures, lifestyles, and heritage sites of various nations. He also used his design and editing skills to produce social and cultural videos that he shared on his social media accounts.

Voiceover work was one of Musab's many media interests, and he was known for his clear, balanced voice that captivated listeners. Musab participated in the production of several short films, with his last project focusing on the role of media in covering the Palestinian elections.

Musab's friend, Khaled Al-Ashi, stated, "Musab was passionate about learning and practicing media, especially in photography and editing. He belonged to the modern generation, keeping pace with the latest media tools."

Al-Ashi also noted that Musab was a content creator in new media, blending quality with an engaging presentation. Musab had dreamed of becoming a news anchor on television channels, according to his friend.

Musab's father, Mohammed Ashour, wrote in a Facebook post mourning his son: "My son Musab is a martyr in the hands of God. To God we belong, and to Him we shall return."

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate condemned the killing of the rising journalist Musab Ashour and called on the international community and its institutions to take immediate action to protect Palestinian journalists in accordance with international laws and regulations.

Friends and relatives mourned the loss of Musab Ashour on social media. Ahmed Mustafa wrote in a post: "There is no power or strength except through God, the Almighty. The hero Musab Ashour, the son of my dear friend Mohammed Ashour, was martyred by the enemy's treacherous shells. God is sufficient for us, and He is the best guardian. And never think of those who have been killed in the cause of Allah as dead. Rather, they are alive with their Lord, receiving provision."

In another post, Musab's father expressed his painful feelings of loss, saying, "Every day and night, so that I do not go insane in this criminal world, I remind myself that this world has a great, generous, mighty, and avenging Lord. Whether the world believes in Him or not, whether it fears Him or not, willingly or unwillingly, there is a Just God."



## **The Martyred Journalist Mustafa Al-Sawaf “The Dean”**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

On November 18, 2023, the Palestinian journalism community suffered a tragic loss with the martyrdom of journalist Mustafa Al-Sawaf, one of the pillars of Palestinian journalism. He was killed in an Israeli airstrike that targeted his home in Al-Shawa Square in central Gaza, resulting in his death along with his wife and several family members.

Despite the threats Israel sent to Gaza’s residents during its devastating war, instructing them to evacuate the city and move to southern towns and refugee camps, Al-Sawaf remained steadfast, refusing to leave his home. Israel’s deliberate and direct targeting of Al-Sawaf’s home appeared to be the culmination of a long-standing enmity, as Al-Sawaf was a journalist who passionately advocated for the liberation of Palestine and promoted resistance as the means to end Israeli occupation.

Many journalists referred to Al-Sawaf as the “Dean of Palestinian Journalists” due to his long and distinguished career in journalism, writing, and political analysis, which spanned since the eighties.

Mustafa Hosni Mahmoud Al-Sawaf was born in Gaza City on August 20, 1955. He was married and had six sons and one daughter.

He completed his elementary education at Salah Al-Din Primary School and Al-Yarmouk Preparatory School in Gaza, and his secondary education at Yaffa School, where he graduated with a high school diploma in the literary stream in 1974.

Al-Sawaf earned a bachelor's degree in media from Cairo University in 1979 and a postgraduate diploma in Islamic and Arabic studies from Al-Baqouri Institute in Cairo in 1986.

He worked as a journalist at Al-Nahar News Agency's office, affiliated with the Jerusalem-based Al-Nahar newspaper, from 1992 to 1999. Al-Sawaf also worked as a correspondent for the Palestinian newspaper Al-Quds and was a freelance correspondent for BBC Radio London in 1999. He lectured at the Islamic University of Gaza in 1999 and founded Sout Al-Jame'a newspaper, serving as its editor-in-chief.

In 2000, Al-Sawaf established Al-Jeel Media Office in Gaza and became responsible for the Sabiroon news office in Damascus from 2000 to 2011. He also worked as a correspondent for Lebanon's Al-Nour Radio between 2002 and 2008.

He continued his journalistic career as a correspondent for MBC Radio in the UAE from 2003 to 2004 and contributed to founding Al-Mustaqbal Research and Studies Center in Gaza.

Al-Sawaf helped establish Falasteen daily newspaper and served as its editor-in-chief from 2007 to 2009. He was appointed as Deputy Minister of Culture in Gaza in 2010 and served as Assistant Undersecretary at the Ministry of Social Development in Gaza in 2013. He also returned to his role as Deputy Minister of Culture from 2014 to 2015.

Since 1999, Al-Sawaf became one of the most well-known columnists in Palestine and the Arab world, with his own columns appearing in various Palestinian and Arab news outlets, such as Palestine newspaper and Palestine Now website among others.

He was a regular guest on media outlets and news channels, and he authored several publications, including Martyrs of the Days of Wrath (2005), a six-part series of his articles, and a collection of political stories titled There Was and is a House for me there (2017), along with Hamas from Memory (2017).

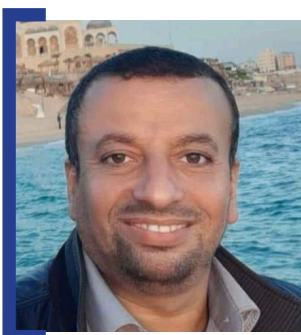
## **Restrictions and Threats**

Throughout his career, Al-Sawaf faced numerous restrictions and

threats. Notably, Israeli authorities prevented him from pursuing post-graduate studies abroad during the First Intifada in 1987, since he was arrested by Israeli forces in 1990 and imprisoned for

Israel and Egypt placed him on travel ban lists since 1995. The Palestinian Authority arrested him several times, summoned him for questioning, and his media office was set on fire by unknown assailants in 2002. After rebuilding his office, it was bombed by Israeli forces in 2004.

On June 19, 2008, journalist Al-Sawaf survived an assassination attempt after unknown assailants opened fire on his office, while he was in his office on the sixth floor of the Palestine newspaper headquarters in Al-Samaer area in central Gaza.



## **The Martyred Journalist Abdel Halim Awad: “The Live Broadcast Dynamo”**

**By: Ahmed Abu Qamar**

Journalist Abdel Halim Mohamed Abdel Fattah Awad (42 years old) worked behind the scenes at Al-Aqsa TV, often ensuring the success of live broadcasts. On November 18, 2023, the live broadcast was abruptly cut short when Awad, an assistant engineer for a mobile broadcast vehicle (MSJ), was killed in an Israeli airstrike.

Awad was born on November 23, 1981, and had four children. He was martyred along with several relatives when their home in Al Sheikh Radwan neighborhood in Gaza City was bombed by Israeli warplanes.

Medical teams retrieved Awad’s body from beneath the rubble, while his children sustained injuries ranging from mild to moderate, leaving them orphaned at a young age.

Awad, who was diligent in attending work during the war that began on October 7, 2023, kept the broadcast alive, his voice ringing out amid the brutal conflict.

With his death, Al-Aqsa TV lost one of its most dedicated team members, known to all who had ever gone live on air, from presenters to guests and analysts.

After Awad’s death, the broadcast fell silent, as if grieving his loss after his 14 years of dedicated service.

Mohamed Kuraikah, a presenter at Al-Aqsa TV, mourned his colleague Abdel Halim Awad: “Abdel Halim was always committed to ensuring the



broadcast went smoothly without any issues. He was known for his energy and passion for his work.”

Kuraikah added, “His death was a shock to me and all his colleagues who knew him well, especially since he died in the bombing of his family’s home, in a massacre that claimed the lives of many of his relatives, part of the daily atrocities our people are enduring.”

He continued, “Abdel Halim is one of dozens of journalists assassinated by Israel, whether at their workplaces or with their families, which highlights the atrocity of the Israeli occupation.”

Kuraikah concluded, “The voices of international and Arab journalists must be raised loudly, and Israel must be held accountable for targeting nearly 150 journalists over the course of five months.”

In its obituary, the Palestinian Media Forum emphasized that the death of journalist Abdel Halim Awad, along with dozens of his colleagues during the genocidal war that began on October 7, 2023, indicates a premeditated Israeli intent to silence journalists and prevent them from conveying the truth.

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate also announced Awad’s martyrdom on social media, expressing its sorrow for his loss and the loss of many others in the war. The syndicate called for Israel to be held accountable for its deliberate targeting of journalists at their workplaces and among their families.



## The Martyred Journalist Amro Abu Haya: The Quiet Tech Journalist departs quietly

**By: Ahmed Abu Qamar**

When journalist Amro Rabah Attallah Abu Haya (39 years old) is mentioned, thoughts immediately turn to that creative, smiling, and calm journalist specializing in technology. Abu Haya, born on March 21, 1984, and known by his nickname “Abu Salah,” was martyred on November 18, 2023. He worked for Al-Aqsa TV and lived in Al Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza.

Close associates of Abu Haya describe him as well-regarded by the channel’s management, which relied heavily on his exceptional technical skills and sharp mind to enhance their work.

As for the details of his martyrdom, Abu Haya had remained on the job since the beginning of the war on Gaza, working in the journalists’ tent set up at Al-Shifa Hospital. He stayed with friends in an apartment near the hospital, unable to return to his home due to the long distance from his home, and the ongoing war which forced him to stay in Gaza City.

One of his colleagues, who wished to remain anonymous, told the “Martyred Journalists Documentation Project”: “Amro finished work late after Al Isha’a prayers and left Al-Shifa Hospital to the nearby apartment where he was staying with friends. Shortly after entering the apartment, it was directly targeted by an Israeli airstrike, and Amro was martyred along with several of his friends.”

This colleague added: “Israel deliberately targets journalists everywhere, and I fear becoming a legitimate target for Israeli warplanes if I speak up.”

Ibrahim Mosran, a journalist with Al-Aqsa TV, mourned his colleague Amro Abu Haya, who had worked alongside him for many years. In an interview with the “Martyred Journalists Documentation Project,” Mosran said: “It’s no exaggeration to say that Amro was one of the masterminds behind the operations at Al-Aqsa TV. His brilliant mind made him indispensable to the channel’s management, who often sought his advice on many operational matters.”

Mosran further explained: “Amro was distinguished by his extensive knowledge in the technical field, which he fully utilized to drive the channel’s advancement. He skillfully combined his journalistic work with his vast expertise in technology.”

Islam Badr, a presenter at Al-Aqsa TV, shared his grief on X: “It seems that WhatsApp is removing inactive accounts after they are disconnected from the internet for a while. I’ve noticed that specific numbers keep leaving our groups, and most of these numbers belong to friends and colleagues who have been martyred. Every day, I see at least one or two numbers leaving the group, whose owners left this world before their numbers did.”

Badr added: “It feels like a second chance to mourn those we love. One of the tragedies of war is that there is no time for grief, no space for mourning, no room for condolences. This notification reminded me of my dear friend and colleague, Amro Abu Haya, a noble and generous man from a distinguished family. I knew him as a colleague—he was a pioneer in his technical field, always active and never idle. I knew him as a human being—he was generous, helpful, and courteous. May God have mercy on you, Abu Salah.”



## **The Martyred Journalist Sari Mansour: Died while Napping with His Colleague Hassouna**

**By: Ahmed Abu Qamar**

Before his death, journalist Sari Jamal Mansour (26 years old) shared a message from his wife on his personal X account, which read: “The kids and I have been waiting for you since morning, and you didn’t come. We were so upset, I kept saying ‘he’s on his way’ but you didn’t arrive. God forgive you, come home tomorrow.”

Sari commented on this message, saying: “I communicate with my wife through text messages after communication lines and the internet were cut off during this brutal war. We’ve gone back to a time before modern communication, and the suffering is immense.”

Sari Mansour was martyred on November 18, 2023, when Israeli war-planes bombed his home in Al-Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza. He was with his colleague, journalist Hassouna Salim, who was martyred alongside him.

Sari was the General Manager of Quds News Agency and was known for his active presence on social media, enjoying strong connections within his field of work.

According to eyewitnesses, the two journalists had returned home late to rest after working long hours, but they were targeted by Israeli air-strikes, which completely destroyed the home. It took hours to retrieve their bodies from the rubble due to the extensive damage.

Six hours before his martyrdom, Sari wrote on his X account: “A crazy day

filled with bombings and massacres.” Little did he know that he would soon become a victim of the same madness of the Israeli occupation that he was documenting.

Mohamed Al-Khatib, a journalist from Al-Bureij, mourned his friend Sari, saying: “It’s hard to believe that Sari is gone. He was a noble journalist who dedicated his work to serve our Palestinian cause.”

Journalist Al-Khatib added in an interview with the “Martyred Journalists Documentation Project”: “Journalists Sari Mansour and Hassouna Salim were among the most active journalists in Al-Bureij camp and the central governorate in general. They conveyed the suffering of our people first-hand. They moved around despite the danger of the bombing to convey the picture that would expose the crimes of the occupation. This is what prompted the Israeli occupation to bomb them.”

Al-Khatib emphasized that their legacy will live on: “We will not stray from the path they paved, and we will keep following their mission.”

In a press release, the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate mourned the loss of Sari Mansour and Hassouna Salim, affirming that Israel “cold-bloodedly killed the two journalists.” The syndicate vowed that “the deliberate assassination of these journalists will not go unpunished.”

The Palestinian Media Forum also mourned the two journalists, calling for international journalists to take a stand against Israel’s policy of bombing journalists’ homes. They stressed the importance of continuing to convey the Palestinian people’s suffering amidst the genocide occurring in Gaza.



## The Martyred Journalist Hassouna Salim: It was truly the last video

**By: Ahmed Abu Qamar**

“I’m going live with this video not knowing if I’ll be able to make another one or not. We could be targeted at any moment. Three of my colleagues who used to cover the events with me have already been martyred.” These were the last words of journalist Hassouna Yasser Hassouna Salim (28 years old). It was actually his last final video before you left us in this war that has stolen so much.

On November 18, 2023, Israeli warplanes bombed a house in Al-Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza, where Hassouna Salim was staying with his colleague Sari Mansour.

Hassouna was a photographer at Quds News Agency and was known for his active presence on social media, where he enjoyed a wide network of friends and colleagues.

Going through his accounts, one can sense his deep love for the Palestinian cause and Jerusalem. Among his last posts, he wrote: “Walking down the streets of Jerusalem together—that’s a dream I’ll never give up.”

Hassouna held a bachelor’s degree in Journalism and Media from Al-Aqsa University, and he was set to marry his bride in December 2023.

In a video broadcasted by the media outlets, Hassouna’s mother bid him farewell, saying: “This is the best wedding and celebration for you, my son. You asked for it, and you got it. Martyrs are beloved by God, and you were the best journalist in the world, my son.”

Hassouna's brother also mourned him on Facebook:: "We announce the martyrdom of my heart and a piece of me, my brother Hassouna. Martyrdom was his dream, so don't cry or despair. He has succeeded, by the God of Al Kaaba. Despite all the threats he received and the temptations, he refused to remain silent and was committed to delivering his message to you all. I always told him to be careful, and he would always reply, 'God will protect us, brother. No one lives longer than their allotted time.'"

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate, the Palestinian Media Forum, and the Government Media Office all mourned the two journalists, Sari Mansour and Hassouna Salim, stating that the voice of journalists will not be silenced and that they will remain committed to their cause.

Both Hassouna and Sari lived and worked together as colleagues and friends, and they were martyred together, just as they had hoped.

In a Facebook post, journalist Samer Al-Za'anin mourned his colleague Hassouna: "You left too soon, colleague. We will remain committed to the cause."

Journalist Mohamed Al-Khatib also mourned his friend Hassouna: "He had a cause he lived for and defended, dedicating his time to raising its voice. You left too early, my friend."

Al-Khatib added: "Hassouna was a skilled photographer who documented people's suffering at all times, moving from one place to another during the war to capture the picture that would expose Israel's crimes. Nothing has stopped him to do his job"

Al-Khatib continued: "Several journalist colleagues of Hassouna, whom he knew closely, were martyred during their fieldwork, and this made Hassouna fully aware that he was on the same path. Israel deliberately targets journalists without any deterrent."



## **The Martyred Journalist Bilal Jadallah: The Ambassador of Palestinian Media and its Face to Foreign Delegations**

**By: Yahya Al-Yaqubi**

He was akin to an ambassador for journalists, conveying their message in every meeting with representatives of European consulates whom he frequently received in Gaza. He founded the “House of Journalism,” as an independent platform that extended its wings to all Palestinian journalists, who had been divided by political disputes, especially as their union’s role declined. He opened the doors of his media house to serve journalists, develop their skills, and make it a platform for engaging with numerous Palestinian issues.

Journalist Bilal Jadallah (45 years old) was a prominent face of the Gaza Strip, as he accompanied European delegations visiting Gaza during project inaugurations or inspection tours of ongoing projects. He dedicated most of his time to conveying the general situation in Gaza, allowing visitors to experience it up close. His efforts had a significant impact, leading to funding many other projects and opening new avenues of cooperation. He became one of the well-known media faces for consular representatives.

On the evening of November 6, 2023, Jadallah wrote his last post on his Facebook page, mourning his colleague, fellow journalist from the same institution, Mohammad Al-Jaja, who was martyred in an Israeli airstrike. He wrote, “Mohammad was a role model for ethics and professionalism, and he was the best at writing in English about his people’s suffering to the international media.”



Jadallah could not have known that he would be the next target of the Israeli army. He did not realize that the occupation sought to cut off the communication with Europeans that the “House of Journalism” was committed to, by killing the key to this communication. The occupation directly targeted him on the evening of November 19, 2023, while he was driving, attempting to flee from Gaza City to the southern part of the Strip, which the occupation claimed to be a “safe corridor.”

The pain conveyed in Jadallah’s last post is the same pain and condolence expressed by former Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor head, Rami Abdu. He wrote, “In the midst of the ongoing pain, I cannot close my eyes to the scene after my friend Bilal Jadallah’s martyrdom. No one facilitated the tasks of the European Union’s representatives in Gaza like Bilal, and no one offered hospitality to European ambassadors and envoys like he did.”

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate mourned Bilal Jadallah, stating in their official press release: “This crime, and the ones preceding it, confirm that the occupation has placed journalists on its list of targets in an attempt to silence the voice of truth that now echoes around the world.”

Bilal Jadallah was a Palestinian journalist born in Gaza on May 1, 1978. He served as the Chairman and General Manager of the House of Journalism in Gaza and contributed to the establishment of Sawa News Agency through an individual initiative in January 2023. Throughout his career and his leadership of the House of Journalism, he signed multiple cooperation agreements with foreign and Arab countries within the framework of journalist protection laws, and organized training workshops for media personnel.

Journalist Ruba Khaled Jadallah described him as the “father of journalists.” She said, “Bilal Jadallah was one of those who cared deeply about supporting journalists, conveying their messages, addressing their needs, both logistically and intellectually, organizing training sessions, and arranging meetings with foreign delegations that would visit Gaza to assist journalists.” She noted that Jadallah was striving to create a generation of journalists equipped with a range of skills because he understood the magnitude of the responsibility and trust placed upon them. He believed they needed to possess all necessary qualifications.

She added as she spoke to us about him: “He would share ideas and suggestions with everyone to achieve a sufficient level of awareness and

skills in the media field, especially in the English language, so they could communicate with the world.”

Khaled had worked at the House of Journalism for a time as part of the Norwegian-Swiss project, which aimed to instill media freedoms and expose the violations journalists face. “I remember his advice, as he believed that I have potential and could one day work for international agencies.”

“We are all by ourselves” was the statement Jadallah wrote on his Facebook page on October 11, 2023, expressing the extent of betrayal felt by the Palestinian people in Gaza who were left to face genocide. In a prior post, filled with anguish, he wrote, “They closed it with walls, surrounded it with fences, and occupied its sky, land, and sea.”

Journalist Ahmad Qannan, one of the staff members at the House of Journalism, said, “He wasn’t just a director but also an advisor and friend at all times. When we talk about him, we talk about the director who was also a human.”

Qannan recalls the last moment he saw Jadallah a day before his martyrdom, a memory still etched in his mind: “I met him on the road, hugged him, and expressed my longing for him by saying, ‘You’re still alive.’ He replied, as he always did, ‘Take care of your family. Stay at home.’”

From the last encounter, Qannan recalls the details of their first meeting: “It wasn’t like traditional interviews; it was just conversations, and he told me, ‘You will become an excellent journalist. I want you at the institution so we can elevate it,’ and throughout my time there, he was always a mentor.”



## **The Martyred Journalist Alaa Al-Hasanat: Israeli Missiles Silenced Gaza's Comedy Voice**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

A wave of grief and anger swept through the journalism community and the followers of journalist Alaa Taher Al-Hasanat after she was killed in an Israeli airstrike that targeted her family's home in Al-Daraj neighborhood in central Gaza on November 20, 2023.

Al-Hasanat, aged 32, was martyred alongside her sister, the poet Jenin, and several of their relatives, some of whom remained trapped under the rubble at the time of writing this documentation.

Al-Hasanat earned her bachelor's degree in Journalism and Media from the Islamic University of Gaza in 2013.

She was notably the first female stand-up comedian in Gaza, addressing societal issues through humor. She regularly published a series of video episodes titled "The Bell Rang" as part of her work with Al-Majdat media network, covering topics such as the cultural conflict between Palestine and Israel, social and educational issues, and health-related subjects like confronting COVID-19.

Al-Hasanat also worked with Ultra Palestine and published reports, including one about foreigners participating in the Marches of Return and Breaking the Siege in Gaza, which called for the implementation of UN resolutions related to the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes within Israel.

An active social media figure, Al-Hasanat shared her work and journalistic productions, particularly on Facebook and Instagram, where she had around 6,000 followers. In a poignant post on Facebook on October 12, she wrote:

“Every moment passes, with a funeral for a family, a bombing, or a group of martyrs. Every moment that passes, the people of Gaza drink in the feeling of betrayal. I say that the feeling of loss and betrayal is horrible. And when you ask us how we’re doing, it’s a ridiculous question. Someone who has their water, electricity, supplies, and internet cut off, imprisoned, and waiting every moment for their turn in the massacre—what do you expect them to answer? Before providing food aid, take a stand for the human being to whom you’re supposed to be sending aid, because at any moment, they might become breaking news.”

Many of Alaa’s colleagues and friends mourned her on social media. Her friend Yasmine Kamal posted on Facebook: “Alaa, the always brilliant and creative. Alaa, the resilient Gazan woman. The patient, strong, and intellectual, outstanding journalist. No words can describe you. May God have mercy on you, beautiful angel. To God we belong, and to Him we shall return. God is our sufficient, and He is the best disposer of affairs. Your voice will live on within us.”

Mona Majed also mourned her in a post on Facebook: “Alaa Taher Al-Hasanat, our creative, intellectual friend, whose writing never tires. Alaa, the joy of Facebook, the truly wonderful, cheerful, and kind-hearted friend of all. Now in God’s care and the company of the beloved Prophet. You were true to God, and He was true to you, choosing you today to join the ranks of the martyrs. Congratulations on your martyrdom, on the crown of dignity, and on a paradise as wide as the heavens and earth. Rest in peace, dear one, where there are no missile sounds, no terror, no fear.”



## **The Martyred Journalist Asim Al-Bursh: He Refused to Flee and Chose to Document the Scenes of War**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

“October 29, 1989, the day I was born, the day I die, and the day I am resurrected alive.” With these words, journalist Asim Al-Bursh celebrated his last birthday in a post on Facebook, only to be killed weeks later by Israeli gunfire.

Al-Bursh, a journalist who worked as a radio host and sound technician for the government-run Al-Rai Radio in Gaza, was martyred by an Israeli sniper in Al-Saftawi area in northern Gaza on November 20, 2023.

Al-Bursh had refused to flee to the south of the Strip, opting instead to stay in his home in Gaza City to document the intense Israeli bombardment of the city during the aggression on Gaza that began on October 7, 2023.

Born in Gaza City on October 29, 1989, Asim Adli Al-Bursh graduated from Osman Bin Affan Boys High School in 2007 and earned a degree in business administration from the Islamic University of Gaza in 2010.

Al-Bursh worked as a government employee in the public relations and media department at the Ministry of Local Government from June 14, 2023, until his martyrdom.

He also held the position of head of the sound engineering department at Nama’a Radio from January 2020 until November 2021.

Al-Bursh worked as a sound engineer at Al-Sahaba Radio from Septem-

ber 2014 until November 2018. Earlier in his career, Al-Bursh worked as a customer service representative at Bank of Palestine from July 2011 until January 2013. He also worked as a sound engineer and editor at Al-Rai Radio from April 2013 until May 2023.

Al-Bursh frequently shared videos on his Facebook page, capturing the scenes of the Israeli war on Gaza with his mobile phone.

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate mourned him, and news of his death came as a shock to those who knew him. His friends and colleagues mourned him on social media as they recalled the moments they shared with him.

Tasneem Al-Eila wrote in a post on Facebook: "I just read the news, and I'm shocked... Asim, forgive me, but we felt that we were going to lose you. A few days ago, Asim messaged me, telling me that he would continue filming videos of the war to defend the Palestinian cause. He disappeared a few days ago, and now I receive the news of his martyrdom. To paradise, Asim. May God bless your journey."

Sami Raouqa also mourned his friend in a post: "The martyrdom of colleague journalist Asim Adli Al-Bursh, after being targeted by Israeli snipers in Al-Saftawi area. May God have mercy on you, Abu Adli... We ask God to grant you mercy and acceptance, dear courteous young man. To God we belong, and to Him, we shall return. You preceded us to paradise, dear one."



## The Martyred Journalist Alaa' Al-Nimr: An Israeli Airstrike Ends the Dreams of a Promising Voice-Over Artist

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Mrs. Rawya Al-Hilu proudly boasted about her young son, Alaa' Al-Din Al-Nimr, as he hosted a graduation ceremony at the University College of Applied Sciences in Gaza. On July 25, 2023, she posted on Facebook: "My beloved university college, your efforts have borne fruit. From your walls, where I once studied, emerges my dear son Alaa' Al-Nimr, active on platforms he loves. Bless your great efforts, my dear son. May God raise your ranks, increase your knowledge and dignity, and benefit the nation through you."

Several weeks later, this loving mother was shocked by the news of his death in an Israeli airstrike that targeted him in Gaza City on November 20, 2023. Al-Nimr was born in 1998 in Gaza City. He completed his high school education at Sami Al-Aalami School and earned his bachelor's degree from the Faculty of Media and Communication Technology at the University College of Applied Sciences in Gaza in 2020.

Al-Nimr worked as a media supervisor for the Palestinian Engineers Syndicate in Gaza City.

He was distinguished by his powerful voice, which enabled him to become a prominent voice-over artist. He was chosen to host and present many social and educational events. He also participated in voice-over work for several media productions and social video clips, including voicing a video titled "What's Happening in Gaza?" produced by the platform ar24ps. Additionally, he lent his voice to a social video titled "How

Humanity Became Extinct.”

Al-Nimr had previously been shot by Israeli forces while covering the “Great March of Return” protests on the eastern borders of Gaza on September 29, 2018.

He was active on social media, especially Facebook and Instagram.

The last post he published on Facebook was on September 30, 2023, where he proudly celebrated three years of experience in the podcasting and voice-over field.

He wrote: “On International Podcast Day 2023, thanks to God, I have completed three years of experience in podcast preparation and research. One full year of experience in training, where I was trained at the media center of the University College, and what’s coming is better, God willing. #International\_Podcast\_Day.” Activists on social media mourned their friend Alaa and recalled the moments and events they shared with him. Ali Rayan wrote in a Facebook post: “In the presence of martyrs, we fall silent, or would my silence bring you back, my dear friend? Or how can I forget you, my dear friend, all the memories, the nights we stayed up until morning, filled with jokes and laughter? How can I forget you, my dear friend, you were my companion and beloved.”





## The Martyred Journalist Jamal Haniyeh: An Israeli Airstrike Ended His Life before he celebrates the birth of his First Daughter

**By: Rasha Abu JalalTo Jamal**

“Your daughter has arrived, the one you always waited for, the one you felt inside me and spoke to, asking her when she would come. She came on a day when you were not by her side. She came looking for the voice she always heard, but she searched in vain. I don’t know what to tell her, but I am sure she is happy knowing where her father is now, and she knows you are happy so she is happy too.”

Raghd Karim addressed these words to her husband, journalist Jamal Haniyeh, telling him about the birth of their first daughter less than a month after his martyrdom in an Israeli airstrike that targeted a house he had sought refuge in during the Israeli bombardment of Gaza.

Israeli forces killed Jamal Muhammad Haniyeh, a journalist for “Amwaj” sports channel, on November 21, 2023, in an airstrike targeting a house in Gaza City where he had sought refuge.

A family source revealed that Haniyeh had taken refuge in his wife’s family home in Gaza City, where they were staying together. Israeli planes bombed the house, killing the journalist and his sister-in-law, while his wife sustained injuries.

The source added that Israel targeted Haniyeh because he was the eldest grandson of Ismail Haniyeh, the head of the political bureau of Hamas. Jamal Haniyeh was born in Gaza City in 2002. He completed his primary and secondary education in the city’s schools and graduated from the

Faculty of Media and Communication Technology at the University College of Applied Sciences in Gaza.

He pursued a career as a sports journalist due to his passion for sports, particularly football. He worked for the “Amwaj” sports channel, which specializes in broadcasting and covering local football matches.

His mother mourned him in a Facebook post: “O Allah, reward us in our calamity and replace it with something better. Congratulations to my beloved son, Jimmy, for attaining martyrdom. May Allah grant us patience in our loss, and praise be to God.”

His mother expressed her longing for her son, saying: “I still imagine his departure is just a dream and that he is still alive. How can my mind and heart believe it?! Has he left forever without return? All these questions never leave my thoughts. Was the last time I saw him truly the last? Unfortunately, yes, it was the last time.”

She added: “Every time I remember him, I smile once and cry a thousand times. His face, his smile, his days, his actions, his words—they will always surround me. How could I forget him? He was the dearest to my heart and the love of my soul. Peace upon the heart that once lived among us and is now in paradise.”

Raghd Karim, Haniyeh’s wife, wrote in a post: “This is my Jamal, my moon, the martyr I gave to God with a content and patient heart. May Allah have mercy on you, my love, and grant me patience during this separation.”

Haniyeh was eagerly awaiting the birth of his first daughter, who was born on December 14, 2023, less than a month after his death. Raghd Karim wrote in a post about the arrival of her daughter: “Your daughter has arrived, the one you always waited for, the one you felt inside me and spoke to, asking her when she would come. She came on a day when you were not by her side. She came looking for the voice she always heard, but she searched in vain. I don’t know what to tell her, but I am sure she is happy knowing where her father is now, and she knows you are happy so she is happy too.”

She added: “I will keep her in my eyes and heart, and I will fulfill all the promises you asked me to make for her. She will be proud to be the

daughter of the martyr Jamal Haniyeh. Rest in peace, since there is a family that will always be by her side.”

It is worth noting that Jamal Haniyeh was the second grandchild of Ismail Haniyeh to be martyred. Just days earlier, his granddaughter Ru’a Hammam Haniyeh was also killed.

Tahir Al-Nunu, Ismail Haniyeh’s media advisor, shared the details of Ru’a Hammam’s martyrdom during a phone interview with the TV show “El Hekaya,” hosted by journalist Amr Adib. He explained that Ru’a, along with 20 members of her family, was martyred at Al-Buraq School, where the family had taken refuge after leaving their home due to fears of being targeted because of their relation to Ismail Haniyeh.



## The Martyred Journalist Muhammad Al-Zaq: Bids Farewell to His Camera Before His Departure

**By: Ahmad Abu Qamar**

The martyred journalist Muhammad Nabil Ibrahim Al-Zaq (30 years old) always considered the camera that had accompanied him for over eight years as his personal weapon that he never left behind. Al-Zaq worked as a cameraman for “Al-Quds Today” satellite channel. During the war on Gaza, he tirelessly covered events around the clock without any fatigue. Journalist Al-Zaq lived in Al-Muntar area in the Shuja’iyya neighborhood, east of Gaza City. He was martyred on November 21, 2023, by gunfire from Israeli quadcopters while walking down the street near his home.

Israel assassinated Al-Zaq before he could fulfill his dream of filming the neighborhoods of Jerusalem and Al-Aqsa Mosque, a dream he often shared with his friends.

Journalist Nidal Elyan, editor-in-chief at “Al-Quds Today,” mourned his colleague, stating that the channel had lost one of its finest knights.

Elyan said in an interview with the “Martyred Journalists Documentation Project”: “We worked with Muhammad for many years. He was very active in his work, always diligently reporting events. He saw his work as a noble mission, not just a job.” He added that colleagues in the field noticed Al-Zaq’s strong attachment to his camera in his final days, more so than ever before, as if he were bidding it farewell and preparing to depart.

“We lost many journalists in bloody massacres during this war, amidst a deafening silence from international journalists who have not stood up

for their colleagues in Gaza,” Elyan added.

He emphasized that the media mission continues: “It feels like our colleague Muhammad Al-Zaq is still with us. The camera cannot be turned off, nor can the curtain fall on conveying the story.”

Matar Al-Zaq, a journalist with “Shams News” agency, mourned his cousin, saying: “Today I lost my colleague and lifelong companion Muhammad, who never stopped advocating for the Palestinian cause.”

Al-Zaq added to the “Martyred Journalists Documentation Project”: “My cousin, journalist Muhammad, is one of dozens of journalists deliberately assassinated by Israel, stop the photo from getting through.”

He affirmed that Muhammad had a premonition of his imminent departure: “This is what we felt in his last days. His conversations and actions suggested he was bidding us farewell.”

Matar stressed the need to hold Israel accountable in international forums: “We cannot lose dozens of journalist colleagues in horrific massacres, both in the field and among their families, without holding this criminal occupier accountable.”

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate also mourned the loss of Muhammad Al-Zaq, affirming that the mission he embarked on will continue, undeterred by any aggression. The Palestinian Journalists Forum extended its condolences to the media family and Al-Quds Today colleagues following Al-Zaq’s passing.

In a statement, the Palestinian Media Forum also mourned the death of journalist Muhammad Al-Zaq, saying: “Journalists are bidding farewell to a dear colleague who never ceased fulfilling his media duty.”



## The Martyred Journalist Muhammad Ayyash: Israel Denied Him the Chance to Hear His Child Call him “Dad”

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

The Israeli army did not give journalist Muhammad Ayyash the chance to hear his newborn child say the word “Dad,” as he was killed along with his newborn and his wife in an airstrike without warning.

Ayyash was martyred with 14 members of his family in an Israeli airstrike that targeted his home in Al-Nuseirat refugee camp, located in central Gaza, at dawn on November 23, 2023. Among the victims were his wife, newborn baby, his parents, two of his brothers, their wives, and children.

Muhammad Mu’in Ayyash was born on November 17, 1994, in Al-Nuseirat refugee camp. He completed his primary and secondary education in the camp’s schools and earned a university degree in media studies from Al-Quds Open University in Gaza.

Ayyash married Mrs. Reem Hakim in 2022, and they had two children. Their second child was born in July 2023, four months before his death. They named him “Muhyi Al-Din.”

Ayyash worked as a photojournalist for the “Gaza Now” website, in addition to his freelance work in design and video editing.

He was active on social media, where he frequently shared his journalistic work, especially during the Israeli assault on Gaza.

Ayyash played a role in launching a hashtag campaign on social media titled “#Nobody\_Dies\_Too\_Soon,” which called on Palestinians displaced

from northern Gaza to return to their homes despite the ongoing Israeli attacks.

In his last post on Facebook, he wrote: “#Nobody\_Dies\_Too\_Soon, widespread calls by activists for citizens to return from the southern areas to their homes in northern Gaza, in defiance of the occupation’s racist plans to displace Palestinians to Sinai.”

After the war broke out on October 7, 2023, Ayyash posted the following on October 8: “O Allah, I entrust Gaza and its people to You—its skies and land, its men and women, its children and youth, and every inch of Palestine.”

Ayyash’s death left a profound shock in the hearts of all who knew him, especially his friends and colleagues. His friend Ali Rayan wrote in a post: “The days pass quickly, but the memories never die within me. We haven’t just lost friends; we’ve lost ourselves. How can we forget you, dear friend? Until we meet again, God willing.”

His friend Muhammad Bakir wrote: “O Allah, have mercy on those whose souls we long for, those who are now beneath the soil. O Allah, have mercy on those separated from us by fate. O Allah, forgive them and illuminate their graves with Your light. Gather us with them in the highest levels of Paradise.”

Mustafa Ayyash, the director of the “Gaza Now” website, mourned his martyred family: “The bitterness of losing you still tears my heart with pain and grief. By God, we miss you, and we miss hearing your voices. You were the best family, brothers, sisters, and friends. You were the best support at all times, and today we remember you as we do every day. Every day that passes, the beautiful memories are alive within us. We remember your smiles, your laughter, your words, your advice. You were gone in the blink of an eye. We used to sit and talk together, but our fate is that we have faced an occupation that does not differentiate between a child, a woman, a man, or an elderly person. We are up against a cruel and vile enemy that kills the young before the old. However, we are content with what Allah has written for us, and we accept His fate and destiny.”



## The Martyred Journalist Jamal Al-Faq'awi: Survived Cancer to be Killed by Israel

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

“As if a fleeting moment of happiness came suddenly and left too soon,” lamented Ayat, the wife of the young journalist Jamal Al-Faq’awi, as she remembered her life with him and the joy, they shared in raising their only child.

Journalist Jamal Al-Faq’awi was martyred in an Israeli airstrike that targeted his family’s home in Al Tahlia area of Khan Younis in southern Gaza on October 24, 2023. The airstrike also claimed the lives of several of his family members, including his father, Aref Salem, his mother, Sabah Sobhi, and his niece, Rafif.

Born on November 15, 1994, in Khan Younis, Jamal Al-Faq’awi completed his early education in the city’s schools and earned a degree in journalism and media from the Islamic University of Gaza. He worked at Al Mithaak Media Foundation, specializing in photography and digital content production.

Al-Faq’awi had previously battled cancer for several years. However, with his strong will, he overcame the illness and continued his professional career. He was married to Ayat Marwan Al-Faq’awi, and they had a son named Muhammad.

In a Facebook post, his grieving wife eulogized him: “as if a fleeting moment of happiness came suddenly and left too soon. My gentle, kind husband, my dearest companion, now a martyr in the care of the Most Merciful. We count him as such, and we do not overpraise him before



God. O Allah, grant him Your paradise as he graced my life. O Allah, be kind to him as he was to me.”

Friends of the martyred journalist expressed their grief with words of sorrow and loss. His friend Maher Faris wrote a poem in his memory:

“O Jamal, I long to see you,  
For the spontaneous words you spoke,  
I miss the light that shone from your high forehead,  
A sun that shone with honor on the irrigated hills,  
From the blood of revolutionaries, it became a sacred land,  
O most beautiful dream that accompanied me,

A thousand greetings to you...”His colleague Ahmad Abu Aziz posted on Facebook: “The eyes shed tears, and the heart grieves, and we are deeply saddened by your departure. My colleague and friend, journalist Jamal Al-Faq’awi, ascended with several members of his family in an Israeli airstrike on his home in Khan Younis. May God have mercy on you, Jamal. You fought cancer and won, but God chose you.”

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate mourned the martyred journalist Jamal Al-Fuq’awi and extended condolences to his family, condemning the ongoing crimes committed by the occupation against the people of Gaza and journalists in particular.



## **The Martyred Journalist Ahmad Abu Mahadi: A Victim of Random Israeli Airstrikes**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Journalist Ahmad Abu Mahadi fell victim to the brutal Israeli airstrikes that rained down on northern Gaza, killing thousands of innocent civilians without justification or guilt. Abu Mahadi, who worked for Al-Aqsa TV, was martyred on October 25, 2023, in an Israeli airstrike targeting Al Sheikh Zayed Towers in Beit Lahia, northern Gaza.

An eye witness reported that Abu Mahadi was standing outside his home near the towers when a series of random airstrikes hit the area, killing dozens of people, including Abu Mahadi.

Ahmad Abdel Hayy Abdullah Abu Mahadi was born in 1988 in Beit Lahia, where he completed his primary and secondary education in the schools in town.

He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the Islamic University of Gaza and worked in the administrative and financial affairs department at Al-Aqsa TV.

Friends and colleagues of Abu Mahadi mourned him, recalling fond memories they shared together. His friend Muhammad Al-Sweiti posted on Facebook: "Our beloved Ahmad Abdel Hayy Abu Mahadi is now a martyr in the highest ranks of glory. In the gardens of eternity, paradise is our meeting place." Iyad Abu Mahadi, Ahmad's cousin, expressed his sorrow in a post: "The martyrdom of my cousin Ahmad Abdel Hayy Abu Mahadi... Indeed, we belong to God, and to Him we shall return. You broke

our hearts, and we say only what pleases our Lord. The eyes shed tears, and the heart grieves, and we are deeply saddened by your departure.”

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate condemned the martyrdom of Abu Mahadi and extended condolences to his family and the journalistic community. In a press release, the syndicate said: “Dozens of family members of Palestinian journalists have been martyred by the missiles of Israeli warplanes that bomb Gaza.” Palestinian human rights organizations, including the Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Al-Mizan Center, and Al-Haq, condemned in the strongest terms the continued deliberate targeting and killing of journalists during the ongoing war on Gaza, which began on October 7, 2023.

The organizations highlighted that the targeting of journalists is part of a systematic policy aimed at intimidating and silencing them, as Israel attempts to obscure the atrocities and ongoing genocide it committed in Gaza. They emphasized that the deliberate killing of journalists constitutes a war crime under the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court (ICC), as per Article 8 of the Rome Statute. It also represents arbitrary deprivation of life under Article 6 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, warranting accountability for the perpetrators.

The organizations called on the ICC prosecutor to expedite practical steps to complete the investigation into crimes committed in the State of Palestine, including the killing of journalists, who pay the ultimate price to reveal the truth, and to proceed with the next steps.



## The Martyred Journalist Yasser Abu Namous: Awaited His Daughter “Siwar” Only to Die Together

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

“Perhaps these are our last hours, perhaps in the next airstrike, we will be martyrs. To those who hold anything against me, by God, I never meant to harm anyone—so please forgive me. And if I owe anyone a debt or have wronged anyone, please inform me, or grant me pardon for the sake of Allah. Settling wrongs in this world is easier than in the afterlife.” This was the last message from journalist Yasser Abu Namous, a photographer for Al-Sahel Media Foundation, before he was killed in an Israeli airstrike. His friends shared this message after receiving the devastating news of his death.

Yasser Abu Namous was martyred alongside his mother and 13 other people in an Israeli airstrike that targeted four homes belonging to Abu Namous, Abu Shahmeh, Al-Alami, and Abu Mohsen families west of Khan Younis in southern Gaza on October 27, 2023.

Dozens of citizens and colleagues attended the funeral to bid farewell to Yasser and his mother, laying them to rest in the city’s cemetery.

Yasser Sobhi Abu Namous was born in Khan Younis on June 12, 1992. He graduated from the Islamic University with a degree in business administration, and he had a natural talent for photography, design, and video editing, which he honed through numerous training courses.

Abu Namous in this field as he joined Al-Sahel Media Foundation and worked as a photographer there.

His wife, Wafaa Salama, spoke to local media following his death: “Yasser was always helpful and eager to serve others. He never let a hard day at

work stop him. I often told him to rest, but he would reply with his usual words: “This is for your sake God, this is to seek your satisfactio

She added: “He was a kind and loving husband, devoted to his parents and supportive of his siblings. I was always surrounded by his love and protected by his heart. He worked hard for my comfort and could not bear to see me upset.”

Salama recalled that she and her husband had sought refuge in his family’s home on October 13, 2023. She shared their last moments together: “As usual, we couldn’t sleep because of the sound of the bombings, so we stayed up watching the news. Later, we sat together, and he told me he wanted to make breakfast for me. I told him not to bother, but he insisted, saying, ‘No, no, I don’t want to tire you.’ He ended up making breakfast and said, ‘I want to feed you with my own hands.’” Salama continued: “Just hours before the Israeli airstrike, we sat together, talking. He gently placed his hand on my belly, talking to our unborn daughter, saying, ‘When will Daddy’s sweetheart Siwar arrive so I can treat her like a princess?’ We both felt her kicking, and Yasser laughed as he spoke to her. I told him, ‘Siwar is so lucky to have a father like you,’ and he replied, ‘She’s even luckier to have you, the heart of my soul.’” Regarding the moment of the Israeli airstrike, Salama recounted: “The attack happened in the last third of the night. I didn’t feel anything at the time, and when I opened my eyes, I found myself injured in the hospital. My siblings told me I had been reciting the shahada and verses from Surah Al-Baqarah. The first thing I asked was, ‘Where is Yasser?’

She continued: “My injuries were severe, and Yasser had been martyred. I couldn’t comprehend the news at first; everything seemed blurry and unclear. My mind couldn’t accept that Yasser, the love of my heart, would be away from me forever. How could I live without his laughter, without the comfort of his presence and voice?” Six days after losing her husband, Salama learned that their unborn daughter, Siwar, had also died.

In a Facebook post, Salama bid farewell to her husband, writing: “Good-bye, my fragrant musk... and may your legacy remain.” Friends and colleagues of the martyred Abu Namous mourned him, with Radwa Khaled posting: “The martyred journalist Yasser Abu Namous, and many like him, each had their own life, their own people, their own stories. They were never just numbers... May God grant victory to the people of Gaza, protect them, and ease their burdens, O Lord.”



## The Martyred Journalist Nazmi Al-Nadeem: Killed Alongside His Sons, Wife, and Three Brothers

**By: Ahmad Abu Qamar**

Our colleague, the journalist Nazmi Saadi Al-Nadeem (55 years old), had to conclude his life as a martyr. He was a dedicated, ethical journalist, loyal to his profession and Palestine.

Yes, his departure was painful for all of us in the media community. We had known him for many years in the field, where he worked tirelessly to convey the truth and the suffering of the Palestinian people. He was committed to delivering the news to viewers. But this time, Nazmi, you became the news yourself.

His colleagues mourned him, and his loved ones buried him, all asking the same question: What was your crime? What did you and your family do to deserve being buried under rubble for hours, a scene that vividly illustrates the brutality of the Israeli occupation.

Nazmi has gone. He completed a degree in accounting, worked for years as an accountant for the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation and as an assistant for reporters at Palestine TV.

Nazmi was martyred alongside his sons, Ahmad and Saadi, his wife, and three of his brothers—Bassem, Hazem, and Hatem—as well as several of their children, in a massacre carried out by Israeli airstrikes on their home in Al-Zaytoun neighborhood, east of Gaza City, on October 30, 2023.

It was a barbaric attack, one of the many massacres that have become

Israel's approach during its war on Gaza, with no regard for the lives of women and children, destroying countless stories and memories.

Nazmi and several members of his family remained trapped under the rubble for many hours until medical teams were able to recover them, one by one. Just hours before his martyrdom, Nazmi was still at work, helping his colleagues document the genocide inflicted upon our people. He didn't know that soon the occupation would commit a horrific crime against his family, which would erase their presence from the scene.

In a press release, the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation in Gaza mourned its journalist Nazmi Al-Nadeem and several members of his family, confirming that Nazmi was martyred due to an Israeli airstrike targeting his home in Al-Zaytoun. The PBC added: "Our colleague was one of the heroes of Palestine TV, having spent many years in defense of our Palestinian cause and amplifying its voice." It emphasized that the martyrdom of Nazmi and many other journalists during this war on Gaza would only strengthen their resolve to continue their mission of bringing the truth to the world in support of the Palestinian cause.

Nazmi's brother, Haidar Al-Nadeem, who lost two sons alongside his brothers, mourned Nazmi, saying: "I lost a dear brother who was always by my side. I've lost not just a brother, but a close friend."

He added: "Nazmi completed his accounting studies many years ago, but he had a passion for journalism, which quickly led him into the field, where he worked alongside his colleagues to convey the truth."

Haidar continued: "He used to tell us, 'We report the news, but we never know when we might become the news.' My brother, you became the news in a brutal massacre that showcases the criminal mentality of the Israeli occupation."

He concluded: "Until we meet again, my brother. Our solace is that you left us as a martyr after a lifetime of hard work and a good reputation among the people."



## The Martyred Journalist Adham Hassouna: Taken Before He Could Achieve His Dream of Becoming a Filmmaker

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

“The journalist who dreamt of becoming a filmmaker”—this is how students described their professor, the martyred Adham Hassouna, a media professor at several universities in Gaza, who left behind a lasting academic and professional legacy in the hearts of his students and everyone who knew him.

During Israel’s war on Gaza, which began on October 7, 2023, Hassouna refused to leave his home in the Shuja’iyya neighborhood of Gaza City and relocate to the south. On the morning of December 1, 2023, Israeli airstrikes targeted his home in Shuja’iyya, killing him along with several members of his family.

Adham Ahmad Khaled Hassouna was born in Shuja’iyya on September 12, 1982. He completed his primary and secondary education there and graduated from Abdel Fattah Hamoud High School.

He earned his bachelor’s degree in media, specializing in radio and television, from October 6 University in Egypt. He then obtained a master’s degree from the Institute of Arab Research and Studies, followed by a Ph.D. in media from the same institute.

Despite his PhD in media, Hassouna had a passion for studying cinema, a dream cut short by the war before he could fully pursue it.

Hassouna married on August 11, 2016, and he had two sons, Karim and Saif.

He worked as a former news director at Palestine TV and as a professor in media faculties at several Palestinian universities in Gaza, including



Al-Azhar, Al-Aqsa, Al-Quds Open University, and Gaza University. His last teaching position was at Gaza University in 2013.

Hassouna was active on social media and had accounts on Facebook. In a post on November 25, 2023, he reminded the world of the suffering of displaced people sheltering from Israeli airstrikes: “O cold and rain, slow down a little, have mercy on the displaced, the poor, and the homeless who are spread out on the ground and covered by the sky, their bodies beaten by the bitter cold at night in the schools they sheltered to.”

The Central Media Office of the Journalists in Gaza mourned their colleague, Dr. Adham Hassouna, emphasizing that his martyrdom “shows the extent of the crimes committed by the occupation against journalists in an effort to intimidate them and prevent Palestinian voices and images from reaching the world, and exposing the occupation’s atrocities against the Palestinian people.”

Hassouna’s students and friends remembered his character and kindness. One of his students, Bassam Abu Samara, wrote in a post on Facebook: “The passing of our kind-hearted professor, Dr. Adham Hassouna. May God have mercy on you, our dear professor. I swear I will never forget your kindness or the wisdom you imparted. You were the best mentor and teacher. Your memory will remain in our hearts forever.”

Dr. Hussein Sayed, a close friend, also mourned him, in a post on Facebook: “Abu Karim, you broke my heart and mind with your departure. I don’t know where to begin—should I talk about Egypt and how you welcomed me during my master’s studies, or about Gaza and our work at its universities: Al-Azhar, Al-Aqsa, Palestine, Gaza, and Al-Quds Open University, each one with its own stories and memories”

He continued: “Or should I talk about our home gatherings and late-night conversations with friends, where you were always my companion across northern Gaza, Gaza City, the central area, and the south? Or should I talk about how you helped with the purchase and completion of my apartment in Gaza, which you knew the details of better than I did”

He concluded: “You left too soon, Dr. Adham Hassouna, Abu Karim, in a war where we don’t know who will remain. Just days ago, during a ceasefire, we spoke, and you told me about visiting my apartment and what had happened to the area. The details are endless. Abu Karim, the kind, honest, and hardworking man with a good heart and a smile on his face. May God have mercy on you, forgive you, and admit you to His vast paradise, and may He accept you among the martyrs and the righteous.”



## The Martyred Journalist Montaser Al-Sawwaf: “Continued Coverage Until Martyrdom”

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

“We will continue the coverage no matter what”—this is the phrase that the photojournalist Montaser Al-Sawwaf posted on Instagram alongside a picture of his face, disfigured by an injury caused by an Israeli airstrike that targeted his family’s home in Gaza City. The attack claimed the lives of his father, mother, two brothers, and their children. Just days later, Montaser joined his martyred family in another Israeli airstrike. Montaser Al-Sawwaf, a photographer for the Turkish Anadolu Agency, was martyred on December 1, 2023, in an Israeli airstrike on Gaza City. Born in Gaza City, Montaser completed his secondary education at Abdel Fattah Hamoud Secondary School for Boys and graduated with a degree in public relations from Al-Aqsa University in Gaza.

Montaser had been severely injured in the face on November 18 in an airstrike that targeted his family’s home, resulting in the martyrdom of his father, journalist Mustafa Al-Sawwaf, his mother, his two brothers, their children, and many other family members.

After recovering from his injury, Montaser posted on his Instagram account, which he had joined in August 2014: “Thank God, our home was bombed, and more than 45 people were martyred, including my mother, father, and my two brothers, along with all their children.”

He added: “I was injured in the face. Unfortunately, I have not yet found a doctor to treat me as I am in Gaza, where there is no hospital or available doctors. We will continue the coverage no matter what.”

Montaser returned to work in the field, but just a few days later, he was

martyred alongside his brother Marwan and several of his relatives in an Israeli airstrike that targeted Al-Shawa Square in Al-Daraj neighborhood, south of Gaza City.

Hassan Asmama, Montaser's cousin, told Anadolu Agency that Montaser "bled for nearly half an hour before any ambulance could reach him. He was finally transported to the Baptist Hospital in a civilian car, but the doctors there were unable to treat him due to the severity of his injuries and the lack of medical resources, which led to his martyrdom."

Montaser was buried alongside his relatives in Al-Batsh Cemetery in Gaza City after funeral prayers were held for them. The chairman and general manager of Anadolu Agency, Serdar Karagöz, expressed his condolences over Al-sawaf martyrdom. In a condolence message, he said: "Unfortunately, today we lost Montaser Al-Sawwaf, our freelance photographer, due to the Israeli attacks."

Karagöz emphasized: "The bombs Israel drops on Palestine do not only fall on Palestinian children, hospitals, schools, mosques, and churches; they also fall on Western values, international law, human rights, and everything that stands for good, tearing those values to shreds."

Montaser had previously been assaulted by Israeli forces on September 24, 2018, when they shot a tear gas canister at him, injuring his leg. A live bullet also hit and destroyed his camera while he was covering the Great March of Return near Zikim military base northwest of Gaza City.

Just hours before his martyrdom, Montaser posted on his Facebook account images showing the widespread destruction caused by Israeli airstrikes in Tel Al-Hawa neighborhood, west of Gaza City. He also shared images of the damage inflicted on the Islamic University of Gaza as a result of the bombardment.

Activists mourned Montaser on Facebook, recalling their last moments with him. Omar Nazzal shared a post on Facebook about a phone conversation he had with Montaser after his injury: "Last week, I spoke with my colleague, journalist Montaser Al-Sawwaf. During the call, Montaser told me, 'Thank God, I was given a new lease on life.' Yes, he was given a new life, but it lasted no more than two weeks. He was targeted again and martyred just two weeks after the first strike and the 'new life' he had been granted. This is how the lives of Gazans have become—short, and growing shorter."

Other activists shared a video showing Montaser feeding cats amid the rubble of destroyed homes just days before his martyrdom.



## **The Martyred Journalist Hassan Farajallah: “The Journalist Who Knew a Little About Everything”**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Hassan Farajallah was known among his colleagues as “the journalist who knew a little about everything.” He wasn’t only immersed in media but also had knowledge and expertise in various fields, including economics, education, management, and leadership. Hassan Farajallah, a program presenter for the “Al-Quds Al-Youm” satellite channel, was killed on Saturday, December 2, 2023, after being injured in an Israeli artillery strike on the Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza.

Details revealed that Hassan was hit by shrapnel from an indiscriminate Israeli artillery shell near Hafsa School in Jabalia, suffering an injury to his right leg. He was initially taken to Kamal Adwan Hospital, but due to the lack of medical resources, he was transferred to Al-Awda Hospital, where it was determined his leg needed to be amputated. However, he passed away due to complications and excessive bleeding.

Born on January 22, 1984, in Gaza City, Hassan Abdul-Fattah Farajallah earned a bachelor’s degree in economics and political science from the Islamic University of Gaza in 2007.

He obtained a diploma from the College of Education at the same university in 2009 and a second bachelor’s degree in Islamic education in 2014.

He also earned a Ph.D. in economics from the University of the Holy Quran and Islamic Sciences in Sudan in 2022.

In 2012, Farajallah founded the Palestinian Cultural Center for Research

and Studies, where he remained a board member until his martyrdom.

He also worked in the government education sector, teaching economics and Islamic education in various public schools in Gaza.

Farajallah ventured into educational media, working as a producer and presenter for educational and religious programs on “Al-Quds Al-Youm” channel. He was particularly known for his popular educational program “With Dr. Hassan”, which many viewers followed.

Farajallah’s martyrdom came as a great shock to all who knew him. His friend, Muhammad Shinoura, expressed his deep sorrow in a Facebook post: “I can’t put into words the magnitude of the shock, my friend. I can’t describe our relationship. In the morning, you were my teacher, and in the evening, my brother. Where are you going Abu Al-Hasan? What about our future plans and projects? How will we continue your show With Dr. Hassan or your Ramadan program?” He continued: “Who will sit with me now to guide me down the right path? Who will sit with me to help come up with new ideas? You’ve left me adrift amid all the things we used to depend on you for. Everything is destroyed—our beautiful memories, all shattered. I will remember you often, write about you often, and talk about you often, though I know I can never truly give you your due.”



## **The Martyred Journalist Hamada Al-Yazji: A Rising Star with Multiple Skills**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Hamada Al-Yazji, a young journalist, was steadily making his way in the world of journalism and new media. He excelled in various aspects of the profession he loved, such as journalistic editing, proofreading, program hosting, and digital content creation. However, an Israeli airstrike on his home brought a tragic end to this promising career.

Al-Yazji (29 years old) was martyred on Monday, December 4, 2023, along with more than 14 members of his family when an Israeli airstrike leveled their home in Sheikh Radwan neighborhood, north of Gaza City.

Born on December 1, 1994, in Gaza City, Hamada Walid Al-Yazji completed his primary and secondary education in the city's schools and graduated with a degree in journalism and public relations from Al-Azhar University in Gaza.

Al-Yazji worked as a journalist and editor at "Al-Quds Al-Youm" from November 2019 until March 2023, then transitioned to working as an editor and news proofreader at Kanaan News Agency.

Al-Yazji was also a content creator on social media, where he used his Facebook page to post videos addressing key Palestinian issues. He spoke out on matters such as Israel's attempts to seize Al Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in occupied Jerusalem, urging people to resist these efforts.

He also covered the incursions by Israeli settlers into the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron and Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, encouraging peo-

ple to stand against these violations.

In one of his videos, Al-Yazji addressed the plight of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails, calling for their release.

Al-Yazji had a YouTube channel, launched in 2020, where he posted video episodes on social and national issues, as well as animated children's videos narrated by himself.

His last post on social media, on October 21, 2023, described the ongoing Israeli war on Gaza: "O Allah, do not break our hearts by taking away a loved one. These are heavy days, but Allah is more merciful. God is sufficient for us, and He is the best disposer of affairs." Friends and colleagues mourned the young journalist with sorrowful words on social media. His brother, Abu Al-Walid Al-Yazji, wrote: "Rest in peace, my soul's twin. Rest in peace, my heart's love, Hamada Al-Yazji." Salah Abdul-Atti, the head of the International Commission to Support Palestinian Rights, stated: "The targeting of journalist Al-Yazji and other Palestinian journalists shows that Israel blatantly disregards all international conventions and norms that protect journalists, especially during times of war. The main goal of this systematic targeting is to conceal the truth from the world and cover up Israel's crimes."



## **The Martyred Journalist Abdul Hamid Al-Qurainawi: Gaza's Stadiums Will Miss You**

**By: Ahmad Abu Qamar**

Despite his young age, Abdul Hamid Suleiman Al-Qurainawi (21 years old) was widely popular in Gaza's sports arenas and among the sports community. Known to players and fans alike, his name was often chanted during games as he captured the action and unique perspectives of Palestinian sports.

Al-Qurainawi lived in Al-Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza and worked as a photographer and media coordinator for Al Nuseirat Services Club. A devoted fan of the club, he expressed his loyalty to the community he lived nearby. He was martyred at his family's home in Al-Nuseirat on December 4, 2023, after it was bombed by Israeli warplanes, killing him, his brother Basel, Basel's wife, and their daughters Maryam and Malak.

His cousin, Muhammad Al-Qurainawi, mourned Abdul Hamid, saying: "We lost Abdul Hamid, the sports journalist beloved by all the fans of Al-Nuseirat Services Club, who even chanted his name during many matches."

Al-Qurainawi added, in an interview with the "Martyred Journalists Documentation Project": "Abdul Hamid earned everyone's respect despite his young age. He was active in his work, passionate about sports from a young age, and picked up a camera early on to capture images from the sports fields."

He spoke of the horror of the massacre that Israel carried out by bomb-



ing his cousins' home, targeting women and children who were torn apart under the rubble.

Sports journalist Fadi Hijazi mourned his colleague, saying: "We were deeply shocked by the loss of one of our fellow journalists, who made a significant impact in sports media." Hijazi added: "We are losing our colleague Abdul Hamid Al-Qurainawi at a time when we have already bid farewell to dozens of other journalists and athletes in this criminal war."

Hijazi called on sports journalist unions and supporters of sports worldwide to take action to stop Israel's crimes, which have targeted journalists and players and destroyed most of Gaza's sports stadiums.

He concluded: "The fans who once chanted Abdul Hamid's name in the stadiums will continue to remember his journalistic career." In separate statements, the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate and the Palestinian Journalists Forum mourned their colleague Al-Qurainawi.

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate stated that the occupation deliberately targets journalists as part of its criminal war on Gaza, resulting in the loss of dozens of journalists and their families. The syndicate called for an end to the war on Gaza, the protection of journalists during their work and movements, and the cessation of crimes against them.

Human rights activist Hussein Hammad, an expert in violations against journalists, confirmed that the aggressive campaign against journalists and their families is unprecedented. Hammad told the "Martyred Journalists Documentation Project": "The Israeli occupation deliberately bombs journalists to silence the truth, while cutting off internet and communications has taken most local radio stations off the air."

He added: "We have documented horrific violations against journalists, both in the field and in their homes, incidents that are punishable under international law."

Hammad emphasized that efforts to document crimes against journalists are ongoing. "We will continue our endeavors to pressure the international community to force Israel to stop its massacres against journalists and all Palestinians."



## **The Martyred Journalist Ola Attallah: The Holder of the Creative Pen**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Prominent Palestinian journalist Ola Attallah was martyred on December 9, 2023, in an Israeli airstrike that targeted a relative's home in Al-Daraj neighborhood in central Gaza City. She had sought refuge there with her family, fleeing the relentless Israeli bombardment on Gaza.

Ola was martyred alongside eight of her family members, including her brother Tariq Attallah, his wife Tehani Attallah, their children Rimas, Tala, and Yamen, and her cousins Saleh Attallah, Rajab Attallah, and his daughter Saja.

Ola Attallah (42 years old) was born in Al-Daraj neighborhood of Gaza and was known as one of the prominent journalists in the region, recognized for her creative writing. She worked for several Arab and international news agencies and newspapers covering Gaza.

Attallah worked as a journalist for Turkey's Anadolu Agency, Morocco's Hespess newspaper, Muwatin Media Network and Al-Moraseel News. The Gaza Martyrs account on the X platform, which documents martyrs of Israeli aggression in Gaza, noted: "Ola wrote about Gaza, about its pain, its people's daily suffering, the war, the sorrow of the children, and the nights of fear and terror." Ola joined X in July 2016 and had around 408,000 followers.

Her last post before her martyrdom, written on December 8, read: "How many nights of terror and death must Gaza count? How many days of loss, absence, and pain? How many hours of hunger, thirst, cold, sick-

ness, displacement, and estrangement? How many must be counted—including those who have left, those who mourn, those broken—before the curse of numbers ends, and the cruelty of statistics fades?” The last report she wrote for Al-Moraseel was published on November 27, 2023, titled “A Letter from Gaza: Here is Another City.”

She described the horrors of the Israeli war and its catastrophic impact on the city and its people: “I never imagined that the cinematic tricks used in filmmaking and visual effects could become a real-life reality.”

Before that, she published a report for Muwatin on October 20, 2023, titled “The Women of Gaza: Between the Struggles of Sanitary Pad Shortages and the Horrors of Bombing.” The report discussed the silent suffering faced by women in Gaza due to the shortage of sanitary pads, which is a clear violation of human rights and an act of collective punishment against Palestinian women.

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate shared a press release on Facebook: “With the martyrdom of journalist Ola Attallah, the number of female journalists who have been martyred during this genocidal war on Gaza has risen to eight.”



## The Martyred Journalist Du'aa Al-Jabour: “Surviving Death Every Night is Exhausting”

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

“Surviving death every night is exhausting,” wrote journalist Du’aa Al-Jabour on her personal page, but she no longer feels that exhaustion. The Israeli army targeted her, and Du’aa was martyred, bringing an end to the exhaustion she endured during the days of war as her soul ascended to her Creator.

Du’aa Al-Jabour, an independent journalist, was martyred on December 9, 2023, along with her husband and children in an Israeli airstrike on their home in Khan Younis, southern Gaza.

Mohammad Al-Jabour, one of Du’aa’s relatives, said that she was martyred along with her husband and two of their children in an Israeli airstrike on their home without any prior warning. He added that Du’aa was an independent journalist, just beginning her journey in writing and photography, but the Israeli army unjustifiably ended her life. Born in Khan Younis in 2003, Du’aa completed her primary and secondary education in the city’s schools. Recently, she earned a diploma in public relations and media. The International Federation of Journalists condemned Du’aa’s martyrdom, along with the deaths of dozens of her fellow journalists, at the hands of Israeli occupation forces.

In a statement, the federation said: “The International Federation of Journalists joins the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate in condemning the ongoing killings and attacks against journalists and calls for an immediate investigation into their deaths.” Du’aa’s last Facebook post before her

martyrdom read: “Surviving death every night is exhausting.” She prayed: “O Allah, do not burden us with what we cannot bear.”

One of Du’aa colleagues reshared her post, commenting, “No more exhaustion, Du’aa.”

Salah Abdul-Atti, head of the International Commission to Support Palestinian Rights, stated: “The targeting of Du’aa Al-Jabour and other Palestinian journalists is a crime that requires accountability under international laws that protect journalists during times of war.”

Abdul-Atti emphasized that Israel “deliberately targets journalists, disregarding all international laws, thanks to the political and legal cover provided by the United States. The primary goal of systematically targeting journalists is to suppress the truth and conceal its crimes from the world.”



## **The Martyred Journalist Abdul Karim Ouda: He Went to Find Food for His Family and Returned a Martyr**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Journalist Abdul Karim Ouda (30 years old) was standing in line outside a grain mill in Al-Nuseirat refugee camp, central Gaza, on December 12, 2023, waiting his turn to get flour to bake bread for his family. Without warning, an Israeli airstrike hit nearby, killing him instantly.

Ouda was born in Gaza City in 1993. He had fled with his family seeking shelter in Al-Nuseirat from the heavy Israeli bombardment on Gaza City. He did not know that he would die in a similar strike in an area the Israeli army had declared a “safe zone” for displaced people.

His mother, Khitam Ouda, mourned her son, writing in a post on Facebook: “My son, the journalist Abdul Karim Ouda, was martyred in Al-Nuseirat after we fled, not knowing that we were escaping only for my son, the light of my eyes, to be martyred by shrapnel in his head while waiting outside the grain mill in Camp 2 when an airstrike hit a building in the same area.”

Ouda graduated with a degree in journalism from the Arabic Language Department at the Faculty of Arts in Gaza. He worked as a correspondent for Al-Mayadeen from May 13, 2021, to October 8, 2022.

Ouda was known for his ambition and activism in the fields of language and media and was outspoken about the injustice faced by Gaza. He was also an active participant in youth forums that discussed the difficult humanitarian conditions faced by Palestinians in Gaza before the war.

Ouda was active on social media platforms and had accounts on Instagram, X, and Facebook, which he used in his final days to post videos showing the devastating effects of Israeli bombardment on Gaza.

In his last Facebook post on December 10, Ouda wrote about the suffering of people during the war: “There is a term called ‘crisis storage’—Gazans are now living this reality, whether staying in their homes or displaced in shelters, despite everything happening and repeating every day. Now, Gazans store their crises and sorrows, and when the war ends, another battle begins—one the news channels won’t mention—the battle to comprehend the scene without the bombing, the battle to build a new life.” Ouda was also a vocal critic of U.S. military aid to Israel. In his final X tweet on December 7, he shared an image of military shells, commenting: “The fifth batch of American aid has arrived for the children of Gaza.”

Activists and fellow journalists mourned Ouda on social media, recalling his kindness. His colleague, Amjad Arafat, wrote in a post on Facebook: “Even journalist Abdul Karim Ouda is martyred. He was someone whose company was always intellectual and refined. I used to consult him on most of my journalistic work. He was always encouraging and motivating.”



## The Martyred Journalist Mishaal Shahwan: A Missile Silenced the Voice of Truth

**By: Ahmad Abu Qamar**

After completing his fieldwork, journalist Mishaal Ayman Shahwan (26 years old) was on his way home when an Israeli airstrike hit central Khan Younis, southern Gaza and killed him unexpectedly.

Mishaal who used to work as an active freelance journalist during the war on Gaza died on the evening of December 16, 2023.

He had just finished working long hours at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis and was heading home to rest when the strike occurred.

Shahwan is one of dozens of journalists martyred during the war on Gaza, part of an unprecedented assault on journalists aimed at silencing the truth. Ahmad Al-Agha, a friend of Mishaal, mourned his loss, saying: "My friend, who was proud of his work as a journalist, has passed away. He was active in this field, supplying various channels with footage from amidst the killing and destruction."

Al-Agha explained that Mishaal had loved journalism since his high school days. He owned a camera and would roam around Khan Younis, capturing images of its neighborhoods and telling the stories of its people and the beauty of its streets. He added that his friend Mishaal was martyred in a brutal massacre that targeted a gathering of citizens in a crowded area in central Khan Younis. Journalist Abdullah Shahwan, a cousin of Mishaal, also mourned him: "We bid farewell to my cousin and fellow journalist, whose sudden loss reminds us that the occupation has no red lines, and that it targets journalists, medics, and all segments of



society.” Shahwan told the “Martyred Journalists Documentation Project”: “We promise Mishaal and all the martyred journalists that we will continue their journey, carrying on our journalistic mission without fear, despite Israel’s attempts to instill it in our hearts.”

He emphasized that Mishaal was well-known among journalists in Khan Younis for his dedication, passion, and love for his work, and that his absence is deeply felt in the media field.

He called for Israel to be held accountable in international forums for its deliberate targeting of journalists, which violates international law that guarantees the safety of journalists during wars.

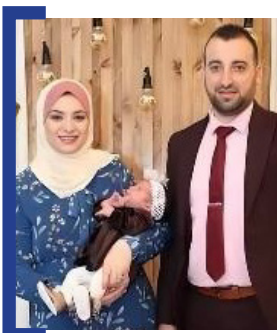
Mohammad Yassin, the director of the Palestinian Journalists Forum, stated that Israel has killed nearly 140 journalists since the war on Gaza began, with an average of around one journalist every day.

Yassin told the “Martyred Journalists Documentation Project” that Israel blatantly disregards international laws, despite the fact that everything it does is condemnable under these laws.

Yassin also spoke about Mishaal Shahwan’s martyrdom, stressing that Israel deliberately targeted Shahwan and other journalists with premeditation, without taking any measures to ensure their safety or that of other civilians.

He added: “Our colleague Shahwan was martyred following the footsteps of the many martyred journalists before him. We promise to continue on the same path, ensuring that the plight of the Palestinian people is shared with the world and their just cause is highlighted internationally.”

He stressed the importance of pursuing justice for martyred journalists in international courts and exposing Israel’s deliberate targeting of them, both at work and in their homes with their families.



## **The Martyred Journalist Nirmeen Qawas: Killed with Her Husband and Two Daughters in an Airstrike**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Journalist Nirmeen Qawas set a model for a working mother who was balancing her responsibilities toward her children and her duties as a journalist for her community and people. She was martyred in an Israeli airstrike that targeted her home.

Journalist Qawas was killed on December 13, 2023, in Gaza City alongside her husband and two daughters.

Mariam Jaber, one of Qawas' friends, said: "Nirmeen's death was extremely shocking. There was no clear reason to target her since she was safe at home with her husband and children. All we know is that she was killed without justification, like thousands of other Palestinians."

Born in Gaza City in 1995, Qawas completed her primary and secondary education in the city schools and graduated from the Faculty of Communication and Media at Palestine University in Gaza.

Qawas embodied the role of a working mother where she skillfully managed her household and also worked as a journalist. She had previously worked at the Institute of Media and Communication and volunteered for the Russia Today website.

Jaber said: "Nirmeen was incredibly passionate. From a young age, she wanted to be a journalist to tell the world about her people's cause and their suffering under Israeli occupation. With her calm nature, she always wished for peace to spread across the world."

Jaber also noted that Qawas graduated with distinction and started her career as a freelance journalist. She was later trained and volunteered with various media organizations, including Russia Today.

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate mourned Qawas in a statement, alongside other female journalists martyred by Israeli fire, stating: “They are not just numbers.”

Qawas’ friends and colleagues received the news of her death with immense sadness. Sahar Ramadan, a fellow journalist, mourned Qawas in a Facebook post, saying: “The messenger dies, but the message remains. They fear the word and tremble at the sight of the camera. God is sufficient for us, and He is the best disposer of affairs. May God take vengeance on them and all who support them. Jerusalem and the home are ours, and the coverage continues. Stay with us.”

Mohsen Al-Ifranji, a media professor at the Islamic University of Gaza, mourned Qawas and all the journalists killed during the Israeli war on Gaza since October 7, 2023. He wrote in a post on Facebook: “These brave souls sacrificed their lives, families, and homes to share the Palestinian narrative and expose the lies of the Zionist propaganda machine and its supporters in both Western and complicit Arab media.”

Ayah Sultan, a friend and university classmate of Qawas, expressed her grief in a post: “We were young, vibrant girls who loved life, but in this war, we’ve lost two of Gaza’s best girls—Nirmeen Qawas a week ago, and today we’ve lost the kindest, most beautiful, and purest of hearts, Nouran Abu Obeid. May God have mercy on them, my dear friends, my girls, my heart.”



## **The Martyred Journalist Ahmad Abu Absa: Executed by a Tank Shell**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Palestinian media and communications technology professor Ahmad Hamdi Abu Absa was executed by a direct and deliberate Israeli tank shell in Gaza City, leaving behind a life story cherished by those who knew him.

Abu Absa was martyred on December 13, 2023, after being targeted by a tank shell shortly after his release from Israeli custody. He had been detained at the “Holy Family” School in Gaza, where he had sought refuge from Israeli airstrikes. According to eyewitnesses, Abu Absa was interrogated by Israeli Shin Bet officers who likely decided to eliminate him due to his exceptional academic background, which combined expertise in media and telecommunications engineering. Ahmad Abu Absa was born on April 1, 1983, in Gaza City. His life was filled with learning and teaching, earning degrees from various local, Arab, and international universities throughout his academic journey. He earned a bachelor’s degree in telecommunications engineering from the Islamic University of Gaza between 2000 and 2005, followed by a master’s degree in computer science from Virginia University in the United States (2005-2007). He then obtained another master’s degree in telecommunications engineering from the Islamic University of Gaza (2010-2012).

He finally completed his Ph.D. in Signal Processing Engineering from King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals in Saudi Arabia (2013-2018).

Abu Absa served as an assistant professor at the College of Media and

Information Technology at Palestine University, later becoming the dean of the Faculty of Applied Engineering at the same university.

He also oversaw the iBridge project at the university, which aimed to build the capacities of software engineering students, connect them with the labor market, and improve the prospects of software export to global markets.

Regarding Abu Absa's killing, the Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor stated: "According to field observations and eyewitness accounts, Israeli forces stormed the Holy Family School and arrested the males present, abused them, released some of them and subjected others to severe torture."

Palestinian social media accounts mourned Abu Absa's death. One user, Arkan, wrote on X: "Dr. Ahmad Hamdi Abu Absa, the dean of a faculty at Palestine University, was arrested at the Holy Family School in Gaza. After his release and just as he started walking, they fired a shell at him. He was martyred, may God grant him paradise."

Iyad Al-Masri, a colleague, mourned Abu Absa in a post on Facebook: "May God have mercy on you, the man with the smile, the man of warmth and love. You were always supportive of your colleagues and students. I never imagined that the day would come when I would have to mourn you. We belong to God, and to Him, we shall return."



## The Martyred Photojournalist Ali Ashour: A Sniper ended His Life

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Freelance photojournalist Ali Ashour did not let the severe injury he suffered eight years ago stop him from continuing his work to expose Israeli crimes against his people. However, during this war, an Israeli sniper took his life. Ashour (37 years old) was martyred on December 13, 2023, by a sniper who shot him while he was covering the Israeli army's incursion into Tel Al-Hawa neighborhood, west of Gaza City. This was not the first time Ashour had been targeted. In April 2016, he was hit by an explosive bullet fired by Israeli forces while covering clashes between the Israeli army and protesters east of Al-Bureij refugee camp in Gaza. Despite wearing a press vest clearly indicating his profession, he was severely injured. The injury resulted in critical damage to his leg, nearly leading to amputation, and forced Ashour to step away from his work for treatment. After eight months, he resumed his work as a journalist, though his movement remained restricted, and he could not walk or sit for long periods due to the lasting effects of his injury. Ali Fadl Ashour was born on September 20, 1986, in Gaza City. He completed his primary and secondary education in the city and earned his high school diploma from Palestine School in the city's center.

He graduated with a bachelor's degree in journalism and media from the Islamic University of Gaza in 2008. After graduation, Ashour worked as a freelance photojournalist, driven by his passion for travel and exploring different cultures and civilizations. His martyrdom shocked all who knew him. His friend Samih Skeik expressed his grief in a Facebook post: "To

the mercy of God...We belong to God, and verily, to Him, we shall return. Today, our friend, brother, and neighbor, Ali Fadl Ashour (Abu Malik), has ascended. I bear witness before God that you were one of the best young men and our neighborhood, Subhanallah, God chose them for paradise, Ali.”

In his last Facebook post on September 20, 2023, Ashour shared his joy in celebrating his 37th birthday, writing: “On my birthday, 9/20, chapters of life have passed. Alhamdulillah for what has passed, and I ask Allah to keep me steadfast, reward me for my patience, and accept what is left.” Earlier, on August 9, 2023, Ashour shared his immense joy with friends and family over his eldest son Malik’s achievement of memorizing the Qur’an. He wrote in a Facebook post: “Congratulations to my son Malik for memorizing Al Quran the Book of Allah. Alhamdulillah, for blessing my beloved son, the joy of my life, Malik, with the memorization of the Holy Qur’an. This is a joy that surpasses any other, and it is a great honor for you, me, and your mother to wear the crown of honor.”

He continued: “Is there any feeling more beautiful than knowing you are among those whom Allah has chosen to memorize His verses? This is a gift given only to those whom Allah guides and blesses. You have achieved something of great value in this life by carrying the words of Allah in your heart, making it a light to guide you through the challenges of this world and a shield to protect you from its trials and sins. Congratulations on what you have achieved.”



## The Martyred Journalist Hanan Ayyad: Killed Alongside Her Husband and Child

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

“Every soul is a legitimate target for killing.” These were the words journalist Hanan Ayyad used to describe the Israeli war on Gaza, which began on October 7, 2023. Her own soul soon became the next target of Israel’s relentless killing machine. Hanan Ayyad was martyred on December 13, 2023, alongside her husband and their child, Abdul Rahman, in an Israeli airstrike that targeted their home in Al-Daraj neighborhood of central Gaza City.

Hanan Bassam Ayyad was born on January 26, 1998, in Gaza City. Her family’s roots trace back to the village of Barir, which was depopulated in 1948.

Ayyad completed her primary and secondary education in Gaza and earned a bachelor’s degree in media and communication technology from the University College of Applied Sciences in Gaza. After graduating, Ayyad worked as a presenter of social programs and a digital content creator on social media platforms.

Her final Facebook post, shared on November 3, 2023, described the horror of the Israeli war on Gaza. She wrote:

“They walk in the funeral of a martyr, but there is no time to bid farewell, as they soon join him again in the afterlife. When they sought to escape their bleeding wounds, death was their only cure. When they tried to find a safer place, the shadow of death followed them, even as they raised white flags in search of a moment of safety. An hour of the days of



Gaza, massacre after massacre, with sudden and delayed deaths—everything is an open target, every soul is a legitimate target for killing.”

The news of Ayyad’s martyrdom shocked all who knew her, and her friends mourned her with heartfelt words on social media.

Shorouq Abu Shab wrote: “May God have mercy on you, Hanan. The news of your martyrdom broke our hearts. Goodbye, beautiful face with the sweet smile.”

Intissar Al-Batsh said: “May God have mercy on you, dear friend of goodness, love, and beautiful moments.”

Mohammad Yassin, director of Forum of Palestinian Journalists in Gaza, condemned Ayyad’s killing in the airstrike on her home, stating: “This targeting is part of a recurring pattern of deliberate attacks on journalists by the Israeli army.”

He added that Israel has turned journalists into legitimate and permissible targets, part of a systematic policy aimed at terrorizing and silencing them to conceal the ongoing human atrocities and the ongoing genocide in the Gaza Strip. Yassin further stressed that journalists enjoy special protection under international humanitarian law, similar to civilians, as outlined in Article 79 of the Additional Protocol I to the Geneva Conventions: “Journalists engaged in dangerous professional missions in areas of armed conflict shall be considered as civilians” Article 50, paragraph 1.



## The Martyred Journalist Samer Abu Duqqa: They Killed him While Holding His Camera, and Injured his Colleague Dahdouh

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Journalists Samer Abu Duqqa (a cameraman for Al Jazeera) and Wael Dahdouh (a correspondent for Al Jazeera) were covering the aftermath of an Israeli airstrike on Farhana School in the town of Abasan, east of Khan Younis, southern Gaza, on December 15, 2023, when a drone-fired missile deliberately targeted them. Abu Duqqa and Dahdouh had arrived at the school in an ambulance with permission to evacuate a family trapped inside. Both were wearing helmets and protective vests marked “Press,” indicating their profession as journalists.

The Israeli strike led to the martyrdom of journalist Abu Duqqa and the injury of his colleague, Wael Dahdouh, which shocked the Palestinian journalistic community.

According to what Al Jazeera mentioned, Abu Duqqa remained on the ground, wounded and bleeding for nearly six hours after the attack, trapped near Farhana School. The ambulance was unable to reach him after he was injured by shrapnel from a missile fired by an Israeli reconnaissance plane.

Wael Dahdouh, speaking while receiving medical treatment for his injuries, recounted: “We attempted to coordinate with the ambulance to capture the scenes in the area. After we finished, a missile surprised us,” noting that after being injured, he ran hundreds of meters to stop the bleeding before reaching paramedics.

Samer Abu Duqqa was born in 1978 in the town of Abasan Al-Kabira,

east of Khan Younis in southern Gaza. He held Belgian citizenship and was a father of four children (a daughter and three sons).

Abu Duqqa married Mona Abu Duqqa in 2008, who was born in Gaza City in 1985, and works in the field of human rights. In October 2002, Mona was killed in an Israeli airstrike that targeted her home in Gaza, a tragedy that deeply affected her family and community.

Samer Abu Duqqa held a bachelor's degree in journalism and media from Al-Azhar University in Gaza. He began his journalism career with Al-Shaab newspaper before joining Al Jazeera in 2004. He was among the founders of Al Jazeera's Gaza office, where he worked as a cameraman and technician for nearly twenty years. Abu Duqqa was awarded with the Distinguished Arab Journalist Award by the Arab Journalists Union in 2004 and the International Distinguished Journalist Award by Reporters Without Borders in 2007. Al Jazeera Media Network strongly condemned the assassination of Abu Duqqa by the Israeli army, holding Israel the "full responsibility for this heinous crime" and for the systematic targeting of Al Jazeera staff and their families.

Yazan, the son of the martyred Samer Abu Duqqa, said that the news of his father's martyrdom was extremely difficult for the family, who have been going through a tough time since hearing the news. However, he also expressed pride in his father's martyrdom, knowing that he died while faithfully performing his duties.

Gaza's Government Media Office, commenting on the assassination, said: "The Israeli army deliberately targeted Al Jazeera's team for the fourth time in a row, committing a full-fledged crime in violation of international law."

The White House extended its condolences over the death of journalist Samer Abu Duqqa. National Security Council spokesperson John Kirby said in a press briefing with reporters: "I just want to offer our deepest condolences to Al Jazeera and to the family and loved ones of Samer Abu Daqqa, who was on the ground doing necessary important work for not only viewers but to people all around the world," as quoted by The Times of Israel.



## **The Martyred Journalist Rami Bdeir: Killed While Trying to Help Injured Al Jazeera Journalists**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Photojournalist Rami Bdeir never hesitated to accompany Palestinian Civil Defense teams to document their efforts in extinguishing fires, rescuing the injured, and retrieving those trapped under the rubble of destroyed homes. His life came to a tragic end during an Israeli airstrike while he was fulfilling his professional and national duty.

Rami Bdeir, a photojournalist with the Palestinian Civil Defense, was martyred on December 15, 2023, in an Israeli airstrike on Khan Younis, southern Gaza.

Khatab Ammar, a colleague of Bdeir, said that he was martyred in an airstrike while attempting to assist journalists from Al Jazeera, Samer Abu Duqqa and Wael Dahdouh, who had been targeted in an Israeli airstrike on Farhana School in Khan Younis.

Ammar added that two of Bdeir's colleagues from the Civil Defense, Noor Saqr and Hussni Nabhan, were also martyred in the same airstrike. The same incident claimed the life of Al Jazeera cameraman Samer Abu Duqqa and injured journalist Wael Dahdouh. Bdeir and his Civil Defense colleagues were trying to save their lives when the attack occurred.

Rami Hisham Bdeir was born in Khan Younis in 1989. He completed his primary education in the city's schools and earned his high school diploma from Harun Al-Rashid Secondary School for Boys. Bdeir worked as a photojournalist for the Palestinian Civil Defense, documenting their missions of fire extinguishing and rescue operations during the Israeli

war on Gaza. In addition to his work in the Civil Defense, Badir was active on social media and was the supervisor of the Hamad Residential City homepage in Khan Yunis.

He was also active on social media and supervised a page dedicated to the Hamad City residential project in Khan Younis.

A few days before his martyrdom, on December 11, 2023, Bdeir posted on Facebook: “Even if things get so intense that our feet tremble and our hearts reach our throats, we never doubt God’s victory for even a moment.”

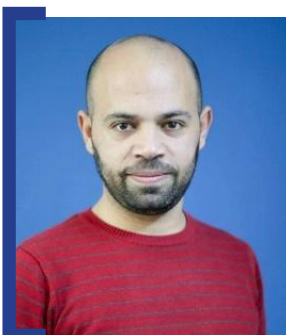
Tasahil Mahmoud, the wife of Rami Bdeir, mourned her husband in a Facebook post: “Oh, my companion on this journey, oh... God give me patience to bear your loss, my husband and life companion... May God have mercy on you and grant you paradise.” Palestinian human rights organizations, including the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights, Al-Mizan Center, and Al-Haq, strongly condemned the targeting of photojournalist Rami Bdeir, along with Samer Abu Duqqa and Wael Dahdouh. They emphasized that Israel deliberately targets journalists.

The organizations noted that this attack on journalists reflects a recurring pattern since the beginning of the Israeli assault on Gaza on October 7, 2023. They stated that Israel has turned journalists and their institutions into legitimate and permissible targets, as part of a systematic policy aimed at intimidating journalists and silencing their voices to hide the ongoing humanitarian atrocities and genocide in Gaza.

They stressed that by killing and silencing journalists, Israel seeks to monopolize the narrative, revealing only its own version to the world, while attempting to suppress the truth by preventing international press teams from entering Gaza and reporting freely.

The human rights organizations underscored that journalists, like civilians, enjoy special protection under international humanitarian law.

They called on the International Criminal Court’s prosecutor to expedite the investigation into the crimes committed in Palestine, including the targeted killings of journalists, who sacrifice their lives to reveal the truth, and to take the necessary steps in this process.



## The Martyred Journalist Asim Mousa: An Israeli Airstrike killed the Man with the Distinguished Smile

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Sadness struck the journalistic community upon receiving the news of journalist Asim Mousa's martyrdom in an Israeli airstrike, marking the end of his ambitious journey. Those who knew Asim will never forget his distinctive smile, which greeted colleagues during conferences and press coverage.

Mousa, a journalist for the Palestine Now news website, was martyred on December 16, 2023, in an Israeli airstrike that targeted a house where he had sought refuge in Ma'an, east of Khan Younis, southern Gaza. Asim Kamal Mousa was born on June 29, 1989, in Khan Younis. He completed his high school education at Harun Al-Rashid Secondary School for Boys in the city.

He earned a bachelor's degree in Arabic language and media from Al-Azhar University in Gaza and obtained a master's degree in diplomacy and international relations from Al-Aqsa University in November 2022.

Mousa worked for Palestine Now since November 2016, and continued working there until his death. He married Hiba Shubeir in June 2016, and they had two daughters: Hour and Rita.

Mousa's wife, Hiba, shared a heartfelt post on Facebook, recalling their beautiful times together.

Her post included a video of Asim riding a horse on Gaza's beach. She wrote: "Asim loved horses; he always told me, 'If they gave me the

choice between a car or a horse, I'd choose the horse.' Every night, he would stay up watching horse videos, fascinated by them, and he'd try to introduce me to the horses he watched."

She added: "This is Asim, father of Hour and Rita, the love of my heart, my first and last love, my friend, the light of my life. He was my support, my shoulder to lean on after my father. I believe in God's will, and I am content with everything He has written for us, but losing him is so hard."

Mousa's death deeply saddened all who knew him. His sister, Israa Mousa, mourned her brother in a Facebook post: "Even 20 days passed since I heard this news, I still can't believe it's real. I can't believe you're gone and we won't see you again. I comfort myself, thinking that once we wake up from this war nightmare, we'll return home and gather around the table like we always did, asking you for those late-night errands. My dear brother, we miss you so much."

Ahmed Al-Khalidi, a close friend of Asim, also mourned him: "I was lucky to hear your voice twice during this war, and every word is still in my mind—your laughter, your jokes, your kindness, and your noble ways. How can I ever relive them? Who will bring back the friendships we shared, my dear friend?"

He added: "I wish those phone calls had never ended. Your memory lies deep in our hearts. We will meet in paradise, my friend... May God have mercy on you. I cried for you, and God knows I loved you for His sake like no other friend before."



## The Martyred Journalist Haneen Al-Qatshan: “I am Strong, But Not Enough to Survive the Night Alone”

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

“I’m not okay, I’m so scared, my heart is so heavy, we don’t have the strength to bear this anymore.” These were the last words journalist Haneen Al-Qatshan tearfully uttered before being killed on December 17, 2023, along with several family members in an Israeli airstrike that targeted their home in Al-Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza.

Freelance journalist Haneen was martyred alongside ten members of her family, including her father Ali Al-Qatshan, her mother Zana Al-Qatshan, and her siblings: Linda, Atef, and Shadi.

Al-Qatshan is a Palestinian journalist born in Al Nuseirat refugee camp in the center of Gaza Strip on September 23, 1990.

She completed her secondary education at Mamdouh Saidam Girls’ School and graduated from Al-Azhar University in Gaza with a degree in Journalism and Arabic Language.

Haneen was a driven young woman who dreamed of becoming a famous Palestinian media figure. However, the relentless Israeli airstrikes cut that dream short, leaving those who knew her heartbroken. Her Facebook page was soon flooded with hundreds of condolences and tributes.

Throughout her career, Al-Qatshan worked as a program producer at Al-Kofiya TV, a program presenter at Baladna TV, and a news editor at Ahwal Al-Bilad website. Most recently, she joined Sawt Al-Watan Palestinian radio station as an anchor.



In her final Facebook post on December 10, 2023, Haneen expressed the fear she felt at nightfall in Gaza, writing: “I am strong, very strong, but not strong enough to survive the whole night alone without dying once or twice.”

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate mourned her loss, and social media activists expressed their deep sorrow over her passing.

Mawada Rahma, who identified herself as Haneen’s high school teacher, wrote in a Facebook post: “The martyrdom of my student, journalist Haneen Ali Al-Qatshan, along with her family. I remember her as a tenth-grade student in Mamdouh Saidam Secondary School—she had so many aspirations, but the brutal war machine ended her life.”

Fadel Maghari shared his grief in a Facebook post: “Communications were restored, and I wish they hadn’t been restored! They brought us news that deepened the sadness, pain, and sleepless nights! My friend, journalist Haneen Ali Al-Qatshan, is a martyr along with several family members. Honestly, my mind still can’t process it all.”



## The Martyred Journalist Abdullah Alwan: The Voice Fades, but the Legacy Remains

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Journalist Abdullah Alwan found no better way to express his wish to visit Jerusalem and pray at Al-Aqsa Mosque than through his voice, which he used to echo louder than Israel's guns. Through his work, he contributed to raising awareness among the youth about the Palestinian cause and the significance of Al-Aqsa for Muslims.

But suddenly, his voice was silenced, leaving only a lasting legacy. On the morning of Monday, December 18, 2023, Alwan, the voiceover artist for the Midan platform of Al Jazeera Net, was martyred in an Israeli airstrike by an F-16 that targeted his family's four-story home in Jabalia, northern Gaza, without warning.

The airstrike claimed the lives of dozens of people and left many injured and missing under the rubble, including members of Alwan's family.

Alwan was a Palestinian journalist, radio host, and professional voiceover artist. He studied at the Islamic University of Gaza and earned a degree in media. Since 2009, he worked at Al-Buraq Radio.

In 2021, he began working as a voiceover artist for the Eikad platform and hosted programs on the Islamic University's Quran Radio.

He also volunteered as a voiceover artist for a documentary produced by Ahrar Horan Coalition in 2019.

Alwan joined Midan, a platform of Al Jazeera Net, when it was launched in 2017. His voice became etched in the hearts of viewers of Midan's

visual productions over the years, and he contributed to voiceovers for several episodes on Al Jazeera.

He lent his voice to a documentary episode titled Israel and Human Shields, part of the Palestine Under the Lens series produced by Al Jazeera.

Al Jazeera Mubasher posted a video on Facebook featuring Alwan titled What It Means When Night Falls on Us, in which he described the suffering of Palestinians as nightfall brought increased Israeli bombardments and electricity outages. In every coverage he did, Abdullah Alwan would end his report with the phrase, "We are steadfast despite the aggression." This was also the last phrase he said in his final news coverage.

Alwan was active on social media, where he shared his thoughts and voiceover work, particularly on Facebook and X. His last Facebook post, made just hours before his death, read: "Seventy days have passed, and every morning we say, 'Last night was the hardest night of the war.' Each day and night feels the same in tragedy and suffering, yet every new day comes worse than the one before. That's the short description of our days in this war."

His last tweet on X, posted on November 5, read: "What has Gaza done? Hasn't it united Arabs and Muslims again? Hasn't it made Palestine the highlight of the world for 30 days straight? Didn't it shatter the image of the 'invincible army'? Gaza has done what great nations couldn't achieve."

Alwan also ran his own YouTube channel, where he shared his voiceover work and lessons in voice acting. The channel had over 19,000 followers.

Midan paid tribute to its voiceover artist Alwan on its social media platforms, acknowledging the impact of his voice, which reached millions across the Arab world. In a statement, they wrote: "We bid farewell to the voice of Midan, the voice that has accompanied us since our launch, leaving a lasting impression on the minds and hearts of our dear audience."



## The Martyred Journalist Adel Zaarab: A Long Journey in Journalism and Charity

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Palestinian journalist Adel Zaarab, known for his work in journalism and humanitarian initiatives in Rafah, was martyred in an Israeli airstrike on December 19, 2023, bringing an end to his long, dedicated service to his people.

The occupation aircraft bombed 3 houses in Rafah, one of which belonged to the Za'rab family, killing the journalist Za'rab and 13 displaced citizens he was sheltering in his house. Eight more civilians were martyred in the other two homes, with many others injured. Adel Ahmed Mohamed Zaarab was born in Rafah, southern Gaza, in 1973. He completed his primary education at Aqaba Bin Nafi School and graduated from Kamal Adwan Secondary School in Rafah.

Zaarab initially studied medicine in Ukraine but discontinued his studies after his father's death. He later earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and media from the Islamic University in Gaza.

Zaarab was one of Gaza's veteran journalists, working as a freelance reporter for several media outlets and platforms through social media including WhatsApp and Telegram. He also served as the spokesperson for the Rafah border crossing and the media spokesman for the government committee to break the siege, while volunteering with the International Relief Organization in Eastern Europe.

Additionally, Zaarab held the position of secretary-general for the Popular Incubator in Rafah, which worked on community reform. He

coordinated the International Initiative for the Children of Gaza and was responsible for the international campaign to save sick children in Gaza.

Zaarab received the Excellence and Creativity Award for establishing the first Palestinian heritage house, an initiative aimed at collecting various forms of Palestinian heritage under one roof.

In a previous video, Zaarab mourned the loss of several family members due to Israeli airstrikes, saying: “My family are martyrs today, but their blood will sprout resistance. We will prevail, Netanyahu. The determination will remain, and we will defend our land.”

Zaarab regularly shared his journalistic and charitable works on social media, particularly on Facebook. Activists on social media mourned his death, with Mohamed Abu Taqiya tweeted: “We were familiar with his voice as he reported the news during the radio era. His voice and reputation emerged with the start of Al-Aqsa Intifada, covering thousands of stories and events.”

Social activist Wael Abu Omar posted on Facebook: “This morning, we lost the dean of our journalism and the great journalist of Rafah, Adel Zaarab, after a long career in journalism and significant efforts in covering events. He has now joined his colleague, the late journalist Said Al-Tawil Abu Radwan.”



## **The Martyred Journalist Marwan Al-Sawwaf: Unable to Escape Death Twice**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Journalist Marwan Al-Sawwaf believed he had miraculously survived an Israeli airstrike that targeted his family—most of whom worked in journalism. But just days later, he faced another attempt to kill him and this time, he did not survive.

Marwan was martyred alongside his brother Montaser and several relatives in an Israeli airstrike on Al-Shawa Square in Al-Daraj neighborhood of southern Gaza City on December 1, 2023.

Marwan had survived the November 18 airstrike on his family home, which killed his father, journalist Mustafa Al-Sawwaf, his mother, two brothers, and their children. The attack resulted in 48 martyrs from the family.

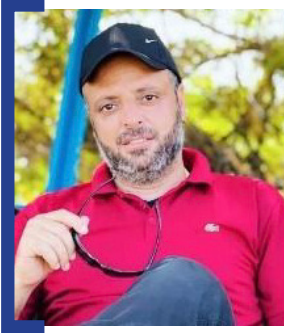
Born on January 12, 1993, in Gaza City, Marwan graduated from the technology department at the University College of Applied Sciences in Gaza in 2014. He worked as a cameraman and sound technician for Alef Multimedia for Media Production.

Marwan was active on social media, where he shared the media projects he contributed to, particularly on Facebook and Instagram.

In his last Facebook post on November 29, 2023, Marwan mourned the loss of his family members, writing: “When I write about my father and mother, I am telling the story of the greatest man and the most compassionate mother. Losing my father and mother is a loss that cannot

be compensated. My loss is not just of my father and mother; it is the loss of an entire world, the loss of a homeland. Now I feel like my soul is without a home. May God have mercy on you, souls that inhabited my soul.”

Friends and activists mourned Marwan’s death on social media. Nasser Mohamed tweeted on X: “The martyred journalist Marwan Al-Sawwaf, son of the great journalist Mustafa Al-Sawwaf. He and his brother Montaser survived the airstrike on their home two weeks ago, which killed their father and 47 others from their family. However, the occupation insisted on exterminating the entire family by killing him and his brother.”



## The Martyred Journalist Ala'a Abu Ma'amar: Victim of a Horrific Israeli Massacre

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

An Israeli airstrike ended the life of journalist Ala'a Abu Ma'amar (40 years old) along with many members of his family in what has come to be known as Abu Ma'amar family massacre.

On the dawn of Thursday, December 21, 2023, Israeli warplanes launched a series of airstrikes targeting the family's home in Al-Fukhari area, east of Khan Younis. About 50 members of Abu Ma'amar family were gathered inside the house, including displaced people from the north of Gaza. The massacre claimed the lives of 24 family members, most of them women and children.

Ala'a Suleiman Hamed Abu Ma'amar was born on August 15, 1984, in Rafah, southern Gaza. He completed his secondary education at Beersheba Secondary School for Boys in Rafah and later earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and media from Al-Aqsa University in Gaza.

Abu Ma'amar began his career as a radio journalist at Al-Aqsa Radio in Gaza and later worked in the media department at the Ministry of Interior in Gaza.

He was also an active voice on social media, particularly on Facebook, where he highlighted issues concerning life in Gaza and the shortcomings of local authorities.

In his last Facebook post, Abu Ma'amar celebrated his birthday: "Today I turned 40, beginning a new stage of life. We've grown older, our features



have changed, and the black hair has turned white. But the beauty of this age is that we start to understand things better.”

He added: “Many concepts around us have changed. I feel like I’ve reached the top of a mountain. Looking back at my childhood and youth, I still feel their sweetness and bitterness in my soul. Looking forward, I see the remaining stages of my life, and I realize how close I am to them.”

Abu Ma’amar continued: “Forty years of life’s paths, between pain and hope, happiness and sorrow, success and failure, the departure of loved ones and the arrival of others. However, the most beautiful thing about this age is that Allah mentioned it in His noble book: (“until, when he reaches maturity and reaches [the age of] forty years, he says, “My Lord, enable me to be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents and to work righteousness of which You will approve and make righteous for me my offspring. Indeed, I have repented to You, and indeed, I am of the Muslims.”).



## The Martyred Filmmaker and Journalist Mohammad Khalifa: An Israeli Airstrike Brings Down the Curtain

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

The journey of journalist and filmmaker Mohammad Ramadan Al-Saeedi, also known as Mohammad Khalifa, aged 42, came to a tragic end after a distinguished career in directing Palestinian dramas that had gained recognition over the years. Khalifa was killed on December 22, 2023, in three consecutive Israeli airstrikes that targeted his home in Al-Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza.

Sixteen people were killed alongside Khalifa, including his wife, pharmacist Iman Abu Batnin, and his children: Sana, Hala, Hana, Abdullah, and Yusuf, along with other relatives. There were around 50 people, mostly displaced from the intense Israeli bombardment of Gaza, had taken shelter in the family home.

The sole survivor from Khalifa's family was his 11-month-old infant, Ahmad Mohammad Khalifa, who was thrown out of the house by the force of the airstrikes, serving as a living witness to the massacre that wiped out his family.

Khalifa was born in 1981 in the central region of Gaza and graduated from Khaled bin Al-Walid Secondary School in 2000.

He studied at Palestine Technical College in Deir al-Balah and earned a degree in journalism and media from Al-Ummah University in Gaza.

He worked as a lecturer at Palestine Technical College in Deir Al-Balah in the center of Gaza Strip. He also worked in the field of photography

and film directing, where he directed many Palestinian film productions, the most important of which was the Palestinian series Al-Fadai in 2015, which focused on the suffering of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli prisons.

Khalifa also directed the Palestinian series «Open Account in 2018, which portrayed the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Other notable productions included The Spirit and The Fist of the Free.

He was an active figure on social media, particularly on Facebook, where he had thousands of followers who shared the news of his assassination.

Wael Jarwan, a friend of Khalifa, posted on Facebook: “Our dear colleague Mohammad Khalifa, Abu Abdullah, has ascended today with his family. Abu Abdullah was a distinguished Palestinian filmmaker who directed most of the Palestinian dramas that we know. He was also an academic lecturer in photography and film production.”



## The Martyred Journalist Ahmed Al-Madhoun: Farewell to the “Spokesman of Journalists”

**By: Ahmed Abu Qamar**

Known for his cheerful spirit and humble nature, Ahmed Jamal Al-Madhoun (34 years old) was affectionately nicknamed “the journalists’ spokesman” due to his eloquence and social charm.

On the evening of December 23, 2023, Gaza’s journalistic community was left devastated by the tragic news of Amhad’s martyrdom, killed by an Israeli sniper outside his home in Sheikh Radwan, Gaza City.

The news came as a shock to all who knew him. Ahmed was a sociable young man, maintaining strong relationships with fellow journalists. He passed away on this rainy night after he dedicated 13 years of his life to advancing the work of Al-Rai Governmental News Agency, alongside a team of his closest colleagues.

Ahmed, who had completed his Bachelor’s degree in Journalism and Media from the Islamic University of Gaza, steadily climbed the ranks at Al-Rai. He eventually became the Deputy Director of Al-Rai and the Head of the Visual Media Department.

Journalist Abdullah Karasou, a close colleague at Al-Rai, shared with the The Martyred Journalist: “Ahmed was skilled in everything. Whether it was his relationships with other journalists or his work, he was also an accomplished footballer who represented the journalists’ team.”

Karasou added, “Ahmed continued to perform his duties tirelessly. Despite being Deputy Director, he worked hand in hand with all journalists, always

leaving his mark on improving governmental journalism.” He emphasized that even amidst the relentless bombardment, Ahmed remained on the frontlines, sharing news and supporting the team with his unwavering positive energy, despite the devastation and destruction surrounding them.

Karasou continued, “The targeting of my colleague Ahmed is part of Israel’s genocidal war against our people in Gaza. As journalists and media professionals, we are facing the same fate as the rest of the Palestinian people in Gaza, subjected to constant bombardment and the genocide.”

Ismail Al-Thawabteh, Director-General of Al-Rai Palestinian Media Agency, mourned Ahmed in an interview with the The Martyred Journalist: “With deep sorrow and patience, we bid farewell to a beloved journalist who was deliberately assassinated by Israeli snipers as he stepped outside his home in northern Gaza to fetch a sack of flour for his family of six.”

Al-Thawabteh added: “The assassination of journalist Al-Madhoun, along with the complete destruction of Al-Rai’s headquarters, is a bloody message from Israel to Palestinian journalists, to pressure them to stop reporting the suffering of our people and exposing the ongoing war crimes against civilians, children, and women.”

The Director General of Al-Rai Palestinian Media Agency continued: “We will follow the martyr Ahmed, and continue to do our duty towards our people, specifically in the Gaza Strip, and expose the crimes of the occupation, no matter how great the sacrifices are. No matter what crimes the occupation commits against our journalists, it will not intimidate us and it won’t stop the image or silence the voice of truth.”

In a press release dated December 24, 2023, the Government Media Office mourned the loss of Ahmed Al-Madhoun. “We bid farewell to this media knight who has now joined the ranks of media martyrs. Since the first day of the aggression, Ahmed was dedicated to conveying the suffering of our people and documenting the war crimes of the Nazi-like Israeli occupation. He never wavered in fulfilling his professional and national duties, even after the martyrdom of many of his relatives.”

Journalist Mahmoud Abu Radi, who worked alongside Ahmed for years at Al-Rai, expressed his sorrow: “Our loss with Ahmed’s passing is immense. He was a significant asset to the journalistic community.” He added, “We will carry on the journalistic mission after Ahmed’s departure, continuing the path we began together in our work.”



## The Martyred Journalist Mohamed Abu Hweidi: The Last Photo

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Mohammad Abu Hwaidi, a journalist preoccupied with documenting the aftermath of Israeli war crimes in Gaza's Shejaiya neighborhood, was unexpectedly killed in an Israeli airstrike.

Abu Hwaidi, the Social Media Manager for Al-Istiqlal newspaper, was martyred on December 23, 2023, while covering the ongoing Israeli bombardment in the eastern Gaza neighborhood.

According to Al-Istiqlal's Editor-in-Chief, Khaled Sadeq, Abu Hwaidi was capturing photos of the destruction caused by Israeli strikes when he was targeted by an airstrike. Rescue efforts were hindered, as ambulances could not reach him for several hours, ultimately leading to his death.

Born in Gaza City on October 9, 1991, Mohammad Nasser Abu Hwaidi graduated from Abdel Fattah Hamoud High School in the city 2009. He earned a bachelor's degree in Arabic Language and Media from Al-Azhar University in 2013. After graduation, he worked as a language editor and news producer for Al-Quds Radio before joining Al-Istiqlal newspaper as a language editor and news correspondent.

Abu Hwaidi prepared many written and photographic journalistic materials published in Al-Istiqlal newspaper about life under siege in Gaza and the repeated Israeli assaults.

Al-Istiqlal mourned their colleague journalist Abu Hwaidi. The newspaper said in a press release: The occupation forces deliberately targeted

our colleague Muhammad Nasr Abu Huwaidi, which led to his injury, and prevented ambulances from reaching him for long hours, which led to his martyrdom.

It held the Israeli occupation fully responsible for the systematic crime it is deliberately committing against Palestinian journalists. The Arab, Islamic and international press unions and federations demanded that the Zionist war criminals be prosecuted and tried in international courts.

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate also mourned the martyrdom of Abu Hwaidi in a Facebook post and said that he was martyred while covering the Israeli assault on the Shejaiya neighborhood in eastern Gaza City.

UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay expressed her sorrow over the death of journalist Abu Hwaidi. In a statement, Azoulay said: "I condemn the killing of Mohamed Naser Abu Huwaidi. I reiterate my call to respect UN Security Council Resolution 2222/2015 on the protection of journalists, media professionals and associated personnel as civilians in situations of conflict. I call for a full and transparent investigation into the circumstances of his death."



## The Martyred Journalist Mohamed Al-Zeitounia: He was killed with his father, brother and cousin

**By: Ahmed Abu Qamar**

The quiet young man who had been with the radio for more than a decade and a half has passed away. He was often referred to as the Unknown Soldier of the Palestinian Al-Rai Radio.

The martyr, journalist Mohammad Younes Saleh Al-Zaytounia (37 years old), from Al-Daraj neighborhood in Gaza City, completed his studies in engineering and worked as a sound engineer at Al-Rai Radio. In addition, the martyr Mohammad would occasionally appear on air, addressing his listeners with his calm voice.

That voice was silenced by Israeli occupation planes in an airstrike that targeted his home on December 24, 2023, resulting in his martyrdom along with his father, his brother Muhannad, and his cousin, the photographer at Al-Rai Agency, Mohammad Abdul Khaleq Al-Af. Both journalists, Al-Zaytounia and Al-Af, grew up together, worked together, and were martyred together.

The news of the airstrike that claimed the lives of Al-Zaytounia and Al-Af after hours under the rubble came as a shock to the journalism community, which had known the two Mohammads for many years.

Photographer Hammam, the brother of the martyr Mohammad, mourned him, saying: "Mohammad departed quickly, along with my father and brother Muhannad. Our solace is that they fulfilled what they longed for."

He added to the "Martyred Journalists Documentation Project": "Mohammad loved his radio work, was passionate about sound engineering,



and also had a strong interest in digital currencies.”

He continued: “My brother Mohammad is one of over 130 journalists whom Israel deliberately targeted and assassinated, which warrants prosecution in international courts.” He concluded: “Those who knew Mohammad know how loyal he was to his homeland, his family, and his work. He was calm in his interactions. Rest in peace, my dear.”

Journalist Ismail Al-Thawabteh, Director General of Al-Rai Palestinian Network, said in his interview with the “Martyred Journalists Documentation Project”: “I have known Mohammad for many years. He was dedicated to his work, loyal to the radio, with a refined taste in sound.”

He added: “Today, we bid farewell to a knight of Al-Rai Network, one of its soldiers who defended the Palestinian cause through the anthems he broadcast.” He continued: “Our message to the martyr Mohammad is that the airwaves will continue as they were, delivering the Palestinian media message that he started.”

He pointed out that Al-Rai lost four journalists from its team during the brutal war on Gaza: Ahmad Al-Madhoun, Mohammad Al-Zaytounia, Mohammad Al-Af, and Haitham Harara.

Following his martyrdom, the Government Media Office mourned the journalist Mohammad Al-Zaytounia, who ascended as a martyr after an Israeli airstrike on his home in Gaza City.

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate and the Palestinian Media Forum also mourned the martyr Mohammad, affirming their commitment to following the path of the martyred journalists in delivering the media message.

Presenter and journalist Bara’ Al-Shanty, who worked with the martyr Al-Zaytounia for years, confirmed that his loss was so significant for the journalism community.

Al-Shanty said to the “Martyred Journalists Documentation Project”: “The deliberate targeting of journalists by the occupation is a complete war crime that demands Israel be prosecuted. Protecting journalists is a right guaranteed by all international laws.”

He added: “Our colleague, Mohamed Al-Zaytouniya, has passed away, but his voice will remain present with every appearance for us on the airwaves. We will continue the media message. To the eternal gardens, our colleague.”



## The Martyred Journalist Mohammad Al-Af: Following in the Path of Shireen Abu Akleh

**By: Ahmed Abu Qamar**

It is not surprising that the last post by journalist Mohammad Abdul Khaleq Al-Af (31 years old) was a shared post by the martyred journalist Shireen Abu Akleh. The message was the same, and the killer is the same.

“Stay strong, keep the spirits high.” Perhaps these were among Shireen Abu Akleh’s final words before her martyrdom, and the same could be said for Mohammad. It’s as if Mohammad was saying: “We are committed to your mission, Shireen. We fulfilled the same journalistic duty and left our legacy to the next generation of journalists. We depart with high spirits, despite all the hardships surrounding us.”

Mohammad Abdul Khaleq Al-Af, a photographer for the Palestinian Al-Rai Agency and the son of the academic and poet Dr. Abdul Khaleq Al-Af, was martyred in an Israeli airstrike on the home of his cousin, journalist Mohammad Al-Zaytounia, in Al-Daraj neighborhood of Gaza City on December 24, 2023.

Israeli forces killed him before his wife gave birth to their child, who was born just days after his father’s martyrdom. Mohammad never got to meet his child, whose image he had envisioned throughout the past nine months.

Perhaps Mohammad had planned to take commemorative photos of his child upon his arrival, as he had been a professional photographer for years. However, an Israeli missile destroyed those plans entirely.

The two martyrs, Al-Af and Al-Zaytounia, had worked together for years at Al-Rai Palestinian Network. Fate decreed that they depart together. They were martyred after leaving their mark on the field of journalism, passing on the journalistic message to those who followed them. A generation of journalists now repeats: “We will not forgive those who deprived us of you, dear colleagues. We will remain committed to the cause.”

Journalist Ismail Al-Thawabteh, Director General of Al-Rai Palestinian Network, said in an interview with the “Martyred Journalists Documentation Project”: “At Al-Rai, we mourn our colleague, the photographer Mohammad Al-Af, who was martyred along with his colleague Mohammad Al-Zaytounia. We are heartbroken by their death after years of journalistic work.”

Al-Thawabteh added: “Martyr Al-Af was one of the most active journalists, always documenting, with his camera, the violations committed by the Israeli occupation against the people of Gaza. Mohammad never let go of his camera; he remained on the ground, delivering his journalistic message until the day of his martyrdom.”

The martyr Al-Af was mourned by the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate, the Palestinian Media Forum, and the Palestinian Journalists Bloc, as well as many of his fellow journalists on social media platforms.

In a press release issued by the Government Media Office, it said: “We mourn the media knight Mohammad Al-Af, who fell alongside his colleague, journalist Mohammad Al-Zaytounia, joining the march of martyrs from the media community. The two martyrs were always committed to defending and spreading the narrative of the Palestinian people’s suffering and exposing the crimes of the Nazi Israeli occupation. They never shied away from their professional and national duty.”

Journalist Khaled Safi also mourned the martyr Al-Af on X, noting that he was killed in a brutal Israeli airstrike. He remarked that the number of martyred journalists continues to rise as the war on Gaza continues.



## The Martyred Journalist Ahmed Khair Al-Din: 82 Days of Continuous Work Ended in Eternal Rest

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

For 82 days of the Israeli war on Gaza, journalist Ahmed Khair Al-Din worked tirelessly and without a break, covering the events and developments of the war. Due to extreme exhaustion, he chose to spend a day at his home in Beit Lahia, northern Gaza, to rest. It was his final day and his eternal rest.

Khair Al-Din was martyred on December 28, 2023, in an Israeli airstrike that directly targeted his six-story home in Beit Lahia, killing 21 people, including 13 of his family members and relatives, and his cousin, journalist Mohammad Khair Al-Din, who worked for Al-Aqsa TV. Nine of his neighbors also perished in the attack.

According to sources, the bodies of the martyred journalist and all his family members remained under the rubble for a long time due to the ongoing war and the lack of equipment to remove the debris.

Ahmed Maher Khair Al-Din was born in Beit Lahia on April 8, 1993. He completed his secondary education at Al-Sharjah School in western Gaza and earned a bachelor's degree in media from Al-Aqsa University in Gaza. He worked as a photographer for Al-Quds Today Channel and as a correspondent for various local news outlets, including Quds Feed Network.

Khair Al-Din was married and had three children: Firas (7 years old), Maher (3 years old), and Anas (less than a year old). Due to the intensified Israeli bombing of northern Gaza, he had sent his wife and children to

Khan Younis in southern Gaza for their safety.

Throughout the Israeli aggression, Khair Al-Din covered events in Beit Lahia and Jabalia camp, areas from which Israel had demanded complete evacuation. However, Khair Al-Din chose to stay with those who remained, determined to convey their suffering and document the massacres committed against them to the world.

Journalist Basel Khair Al-Din, Ahmed's brother, who accompanied him during his reporting, mourned him with words of sorrow and pain in a video posted on YouTube: "This is the price journalists pay. Ahmed worked continuously for 82 days covering field events, and because of his exhaustion, he chose to rest at home. It was his last day alive, and he was killed by an Israeli airstrike."

Quds Feed Network announced the martyrdom of their colleague, photographer Ahmed Khair Al-Din, after 82 days of covering the aggression in northern Gaza.

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate mourned the loss of both journalists, Ahmed and Mohammad Khair Al-Din. In a press release, it said: "Israeli occupation forces continue their crimes against Palestinian journalists across all Palestinian territories, employing all forms of criminal acts, including killing, injuring, chasing, confiscating, detaining crews, and preventing them from working."

A press release by the Government Media Office said: "The number of martyred journalists has risen to 105 since the start of the genocide war on Gaza."

It added: "This increase follows the martyrdom of journalists Mohammad Khair Al-Din and Ahmed Maher Khair Al-Din, victims of Israeli atrocity in Gaza."



## The Martyred Journalist Mohammad Khair Al-Din: “These May Be Our Last Hours. Forgive Us”

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

“These may be our last hours, maybe in the next raids, we will be the martyrs. Whoever holds anything against me, I swear it was unintentional, so forgive me. If anyone has a grievance or debt, let me know, or kindly pardon me for the sake of God, for it is easier to return grievances in this world than in the hereafter.”

These were the words of journalist Mohammad Khair Al-Din (45 years old), who worked for Al-Aqsa TV, expressing his feelings in a Facebook post on October 8, 2023.

Weeks passed, and on December 28, 2023, the news arrived of Khair Al-Din’s assassination in an Israeli airstrike that directly targeted his six-story home in Beit Lahia. He was killed along with 21 people, including 13 members of his family and relatives, as well as his cousin, journalist Ahmed Khair Al-Din, who worked as a cameraman for Al-Quds Today TV. Nine of his neighbors also perished in the attack.

According to sources, the bodies of the martyr journalist and all his family members remained under the rubble for a long time due to the ongoing war and the lack of equipment to remove the debris.

Mohammad Ahmad Mahmoud Khair Al-Din was born in Beit Lahia, northern Gaza, on March 6, 1978. He completed his primary and secondary education in the town’s schools and worked as an assistant cameraman at Al-Aqsa TV. He was married with five children (three daughters and two sons). His wife and children had evacuated to southern Gaza

due to the intense Israeli bombardment, just days before their home was targeted.

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate condemned the crime of targeting journalists Mohammad Khair Al-Din and his cousin Ahmed Khair Al-Din. In a press release published on December 29, 2023, the syndicate said: “The Israeli occupation forces continue their crimes against Palestinian journalists across all Palestinian territories, employing various criminal acts including killing, wounding, chasing, confiscating, detaining crews, and preventing them from working.”

The Islamic Union of Palestinian Syndicates (Ta’lef) mourned the martyr Khair Al-Din after the targeting of his home by Israeli warplanes and offered condolences to his family, asking God to grant him mercy and high ranks in paradise and patience for his loved ones. In a tribute shared by activists on social media, Sahar Ramadan wrote: “The martyrdom of our colleague Mohammad Khair Al-Din from Al-Aqsa TV and several members of his family. They fear the word, and they are terrified of the camera. The messenger dies, but the message remains.” She added: “105 moons, messengers of truth, witnesses, and narrators of the Palestinian narrative. In paradise, may they rest.”



## The Martyred Journalist Jaber Abu Hadrous: “We Are All on Your Path Until the Last Palestinian Journalist”

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

“We are all on Jaber’s path,” chanted Palestinian journalists before media cameras after hearing the tragic news of their colleague Jaber Abu Hadrous, who was killed in an Israeli airstrike that directly targeted his home.

One journalist, holding Jaber’s press vest, remarked, “This vest no longer protects journalists; it has become a signal for Israeli planes to target and kill them.”

Journalist Jaber Abu Hadrous (36 years old), a correspondent for Al-Quds Today TV, was martyred on December 29, 2023, when Israeli planes bombed his home in Al Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza. Six of his family members were also killed in the strike, including his wife, daughter, father, mother, uncle, and grandmother.

Dozens of journalists gathered to bid farewell to Abu Hadrous at the Martyrs of Al-Aqsa Hospital in central Gaza on December 30, carrying his vest and helmet as they mourned.

Journalist Mohamed Miqdad, one of Jaber’s colleagues, stated that the Palestinian journalists attending the funeral reaffirmed their determination to continue bringing the truth to the world until their last breath, even if it means being the last Palestinian journalist alive.

Jaber Abu Hadrous was born on January 1, 1987, in Gaza, and graduated from Khaled Ibn Al-Walid School. He worked as a dedicated correspon-



dent for Al-Quds Today TV, actively covering all previous Israeli wars on Gaza with great passion and professionalism. The Government Media Office said in a press release that Abu Hadrous was the 106th journalist to be martyred by Israeli forces since the beginning of the genocide war on the Gaza Strip.

Fellow journalists expressed their grief and paid tribute to Abu Hadrous on social media. Ali Haraz wrote in a post on Facebook, "It's too soon, my lifelong friend. We bid farewell to a martyr and a new star. Farewell, my dear brother and colleague, Jaber Abu Hadrous. Good bye Jaber."

He added, "We continue to expose the crimes of this coward occupier. We remain on the path paved with the blood of our comrades and colleagues."

Another colleague, Emad Dalloul, wrote in a post on Facebook: "Jaber, my comrade in the field, is gone. Jaber, the kind-hearted, dignified, and calm. We bid you farewell, leaving behind a wound that will never heal and pain that will never fade."



## The Martyred Journalist Nirmeen Haboush: The Last Phone Call

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

“Dear God, may this war end peacefully, and may we all come out of it safe, without losing anyone, without anyone going missing. What is happening is hard. Every day, I try to give myself new hope that tomorrow will come, and the war will end, and we will continue with our lives.”

These were the final words journalist Nirmeen Haboush (36 years old) shared with a colleague in a phone call, hours before she was killed in an Israeli airstrike. Haboush, along with her mother, Najwa Saad Al-Wadiya, and her daughter, Leen Abu Jahlum, were martyred in an Israeli airstrike that targeted their home in Gaza City on the morning of December 30, 2023. Nirmeen Nasser Haboush (Abu Jahlum) was born in Gaza in 1987 and received her primary education in the city’s schools. She graduated from Al-Quds Open University and began her career as a freelance journalist. Haboush later joined the Palestinian Youth Association for Leadership and Rights Activation (PYALARA), where she worked as a journalist, trainer, and supervisor of the media literacy program in Gaza, as well as other communication and youth engagement initiatives.

She was known for being active, ambitious, and passionate about helping others. She had a love for self-development and was always taking training courses on new topics.

PYALARA, through its board and staff, mourned Nirmeen Haboush, her daughter and mother, who were killed in the bombing of their home. The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate also expressed its condolences in a statement posted on its Facebook page.

Alaa Al-Nimr, Nirmeen’s cousin, wrote in a Facebook post: “O God, Nirmeen Haboush, her mother, and her daughter, the apple of her eye, are

in your care. O Merciful One, have mercy on them, expand their graves, and help us cope with their loss.”

Mousa Tawfiq, one of Nirmeen’s former trainees, also expressed his grief, in a post: “More than 10 years ago, I received my first journalistic training at PYALARA, and Nirmeen was my trainer. Rest in peace.”

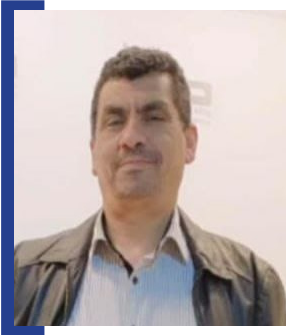
Before her death, Haboush penned an article expressing her feelings during the war, titled Love and Hope in a Time of Destruction, where she wrote: “People wait for the calm of night to enjoy the moonlight as it sneaks through open windows or between the folds of the curtains. When the lights go out, they lie in bed, and the next day they reap rest for the body and energy for the mind. But here, we don’t wait for night, and we no longer see the moon’s light because the dust and smoke from the bombings block it. When darkness falls, our fear grows.”

She continued: “Memories flood us, making us cry, though we may not show our tears out of consideration for our children. But our hearts weep until the tears flow. Our patience has run long, our suffering even longer, and we find no space to cry out loud. Our days have become identical, and that morning cup of coffee, our usual routine, is absent. We even forgot the coffee tin in our house when we fled, and we haven’t bothered to buy a new one because bread is more important. The bitterness of saying goodbye to souls flying to the sky every day is enough. May God have mercy on the martyrs.”

Haboush continued: “When you walk down the streets, dizziness overtakes you, and you can barely catch your breath from the horror of the destruction and the enormity of the tragedy. Residential neighborhoods have collapsed on the bodies and limbs buried beneath, and everyone is helpless to retrieve them. Medical and civil defense teams are busy searching for survivors with simple tools, clearing hundreds of tons of reinforced concrete with their bare hands, digging with their nails, hoping to hear a voice from afar.”

She asked, “Should we even have children? Who will protect them? Why do they have to endure all this destruction? Who is responsible for killing children and fetuses in their mothers’ wombs, burdened by weakness upon weakness? All the words, philosophies, and conspiracies cannot comfort a bereaved parent.”

She ended her article with: “Indeed, we silently suffer, but divine wisdom soothes us with patience and serenity, keeping us company in our solitude, turning away the darkness of the night and the misery of the day, rescuing us from the storms of anxiety and fear. We know that tomorrow will be better. With more love, hatred, laughter, crying, sorrow, and joy, I say: Peace be upon Gaza, to everyone and everything within it.”



## **The Martyred Journalist Akram Al-Shafie: His Profession Could Not Save His Life**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

For several days, journalist Akram Al-Shafie lay injured, battling for his life in a hospital bed. His struggle ended in death after all efforts by institutions and his family to transfer him out of the Gaza Strip for life-saving treatment failed. Despite numerous attempts, none succeeded, and his death was eventually announced.

Journalist Akram Al-Shafie from the Palestinian Press Agency (SAFA) was martyred on January 5, 2024, succumbing to wounds inflicted by Israeli forces during the aggression on the Gaza Strip.

Al-Shafie (53 years old) was shot by Israeli forces in late October 2023 while attempting to return to check on his home, which had been bombed in the northwestern area of

He spent more than two months in the hospital, suffering from a severe abdominal injury that caused organ failure. His condition worsened until his passing.

The Israeli forces' storming of Al-Shifa Medical Complex in mid-November contributed to the deterioration of his health. Al-Shafie remained without proper treatment for more than two weeks after the Israeli soldiers detained the medical staff and destroyed the medicine warehouses.

After being transferred, along with many injured individuals, to a hospital in southern Gaza, Al-Shafie's condition worsened until he passed away.

He became a martyr and a witness to the ongoing Israeli crimes.

The martyred journalist Akram Al-Shafie had worked as a news editor for “SAFA” agency since 2019. Over his 25-year career, he worked for many media outlets, including print, broadcast, and digital media.

Al-Shafie authored and produced hundreds of written and visual reports exposing Israeli crimes against the Palestinian people and highlighting their resilience. He focused particularly on reporting the deteriorating living conditions of Gaza residents under the Israeli siege.

His final report highlighted the solidarity and mutual support among displaced persons inside Al-Shifa Medical Complex, where he had experienced the same hardship as the others, displaced and under constant bombardment.

Al-Shafie’s wife had made numerous pleas for permission to transfer him for treatment outside Gaza, but to no avail. She pointed out that the slow travel procedures were the main reason for her husband’s death, saying, “He could have been saved, but these procedures, which all the wounded suffer from, cost him his life.”

In a press release, “SAFA” mourned its colleague, Akram Al-Shafie, offering its deepest condolences to his family and praying for him to rest in peace and for his family to find strength and patience in their loss.

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate also mourned the loss of Al-Shafie, emphasizing that his death highlights the suffering of wounded journalists who are in urgent need of treatment outside Gaza.

The syndicate stated that they had submitted a medical referral request for Al-Shafie for treatment abroad, but Israel rejected the request. It further noted that around 25 journalists injured during the war on Gaza are in dire need of medical treatment abroad.



**The Martyred Journalist Hiba Al-Abadleh: “We are humans made of clay, water, and a lot of dignity”**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Through loudspeakers, the Israeli army ordered all the residents of the village of Al-Qarara, northeast of Khan Yunis in southern Gaza, to seek shelter in a nearby house belonging to Al-Astal family. Minutes later, rocket shells rained down on the house for several days, preventing medical crews from rescuing the wounded or recovering the martyrs.

Among the martyrs were journalist Hiba Fouad Al-Abadleh (31 years old), her daughter Judy Awad, and her mother Roweida Al-Astal. Their deaths were announced on January 9, 2024.

Media outlets and social media activists shared details of the massacre of the family which also claimed the lives of over 60 people, including eight families erased from civil records. Hiba Al-Abadleh, her daughter Judy Awad, and her mother Roweida Al-Astal were among the victims.

Born on July 14, 1993, in Khan Yunis, Al-Abadleh’s life was marked by hard work and dedication. She studied Arabic language and media at Al-Azhar University in Gaza in 2011.

Al-Abadleh worked as the coordinator of admissions and registration at the University of Gaza – Southern Branch from February 15, 2020, until her death.

She had previously worked in the university’s public relations department from August 1, 2017, to 2020. She also served as a news anchor for Al-Azhar Radio from 2013 until her death and worked as a news presenter at Sawt Al-Watan Radio from January 2012 to April 2013.

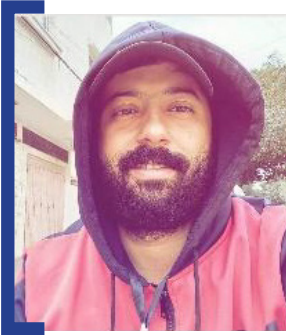
Hiba was also in charge of the women workers' portfolio in the local labor movement office and was pursuing her postgraduate studies, preparing to defend her master's thesis before her life was tragically cut short.

The Social Media Club – Palestine, in a post on Facebook, mourned Hiba, noting that she was a founding and a board member of the club. It wrote, "May she rest in peace; she was a symbol of hard work, perseverance, and an energetic spirit in all the conferences, events, and activities we carried out, whether independently or in partnership with many international institutions and civil society organizations in Gaza. Hiba left a mark on the Social Media Club that we will never forget."

Friends and colleagues of Hiba mourned her, recalling the moments and memories they shared with her. Haitham Al-Abadleh posted: "Journalist Hiba Al-Abadleh, after pleading the world, remained trapped with her family in her uncle's house, which was bombed on everyone's heads. Every day in Gaza, we lose beautiful, creative women with aspirations and dreams extinguished by cruelty. Hiba was martyred alongside her daughter Judy and her mother. She shined and ascended, and we are entrenched in sorrow to the fullest."

Ali Bukheit also shared a post on Facebook, "Every day we lose irreplaceable people with whom we shared the best days, activities, and initiatives. Hiba Al-Abadleh was a remarkable woman. I used to call her the 'joker' because no matter what task she was given—interviews, managing sessions, training—she always delivered her best. Hiba was one of the founders of the Social Media Club, and working with her was always fun, full of energy and contribution. That's why she held many organizational, academic, and community roles."

He added, "Our loss of Hiba, who was martyred alongside her beautiful little daughter, is immense. We can't forget someone like her. We will always remember you, dear, talented colleague. May God have mercy on you and grant you a place in paradise." Hiba's last post on Facebook, dated November 4, 2023, reflected her personality and social nature: "We in Gaza are ordinary people. We enjoy music, lie, dance, love braids, pastries, and outings. We are humans. We make mistakes, curse, and cry. Don't look at the mothers who ululate at funerals. These are women who have cried their tears into ululations, who lost their sanity with the first drop of blood from their children's small bodies... We are human beings who love life, not made of stone, but humans made of clay, water, and a lot of dignity."



## **The Martyred Journalist Ali Abu Ajwa: Killed by Israel for Being the Grandson of Hamas' Founder**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Ali Abu Ajwa was more than just a photojournalist; he was also a community activist and initiator dedicated to empowering youth in Al-Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza, where he lived—until an unexpected Israeli airstrike took his life.

Ali was martyred on January 6, 2024, when an Israeli airstrike directly targeted him while he was covering an Israeli ground incursion east of Al-Bureij camp.

His friend, Mohammed Radi, explained that an Israeli missile hit Abu Ajwa while he was wearing a vest clearly identifying him as a journalist and holding his camera. He explained that Abu Ajwa was covering the Israeli forces' invasion of the eastern part of Al-Bureij camp at that time.

Radi also pointed out that Abu Ajwa had previously been injured by Israeli gunfire during his coverage of a peaceful demonstration as part of the "March of Return and Breaking the Siege" along the Gaza-Israel border east of Al-Bureij camp.

He further noted that Ali was the grandson of Hamas founder Ahmed Yassin, speculating that the Israeli army targeted him first by injury and later by death because of this family connection.

The Government Media Office in Gaza announced that the number of journalists killed since the start of Israel's genocidal war on Gaza had risen to 110 with the martyrdom of Abu Ajwa. Born on October 5, 2000, in



Gaza City, Ali Abu Ajwa moved to Al-Bureij camp in eastern Gaza, where he worked as a photographer for the Fourth Estate News Agency. He completed his basic and secondary education in Gaza's schools and later pursued higher education at the College of Applied Sciences in Gaza.

In addition to his work as a journalist, Ali was active in his community, serving as a member of Al-Bureij Youth Council. In April 2023, he ran for council membership, advocating for the creation of a youth support fund, enhancing youth involvement in municipal council activities, increasing community projects and initiatives, and promoting youth participation in scientific research. Abu Ajwa launched a news channel on Telegram, focusing on news coverage, photo, and video reporting under the name "Ali Abu Ajwa – Media." After his death, his friends continued publishing on the channel to keep his memory alive.

He was also active on social media platforms, especially Instagram, where he shared his journalistic work, including photos and videos he had taken.



## The Martyred Journalist Hamza Al-Dahdouh: “You Are the Patient One, Father” was His Last Message

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

“You are the patient one, Father, so do not despair of healing nor lose hope in God’s mercy. Be certain that God will reward you for your patience” – these were the heartfelt words that journalist Hamza directed to his father, Al Jazeera correspondent Wael Al-Dahdouh, in a tweet on January 6, 2024. Little did he know that these would be his last words on this earth.

Less than 24 hours later, Wael Al-Dahdouh stood before the body of his son, Hamza, who had been killed in an Israeli airstrike on January 7, 2024. Responding to his son’s final tweet, Wael told mourners: “There is no pain greater than the pain of loss, especially when the one you lose is your firstborn, the apple of your eye. Hamza was not just a part of me, Hamza was all of me. The soul of my soul and my everything.”

Journalist Hamza Al-Dahdouh was martyred alongside his colleague, journalist Mustafa Tharia, in an airstrike that targeted the car they were traveling in near Al-Mawasi area, west of Khan Younis in southern Gaza, on January 7, 2024.

The two were working on a television report for Al Jazeera in an area where civilians had fled due to the heavy Israeli bombardment on Gaza.

Hamza had already endured immense personal loss, having lost several members of his family, including his mother, Amina, his brother Mahmoud, and his sister Sham, in an Israeli airstrike that targeted the home they had sought refuge in at Al-Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza on October 25, 2023.

Hamza's father, Wael Al-Dahdouh, had also been injured in an Israeli strike on December 15, 2023, while covering Israeli attacks on Farahana School in Khan Younis. During the same strike, his colleague, Al Jazeera cameraman Samer Abu Daqa, was martyred.

Born on July 7, Hamza Wael Hamdan Al-Dahdouh was a Palestinian journalist and photographer who held a bachelor's degree in journalism and media from Al-Azhar University in Gaza. He was the eldest son of journalist Wael Al-Dahdouh and had worked as a member of Al Jazeera's team in Gaza since the beginning of the Israeli war on Gaza on October 7, 2023.

Social media was filled with grief and anger after the news of Hamza's martyrdom spread. Local pages shared pictures of Wael Al-Dahdouh and his daughter bidding farewell to Hamza, and many recalled Wael's famous words after losing members of his family on October 25: "They are avenging us through our children, but it's okay."

Tweets and posts circulated Hamza's New Year message to his mother, who had also been martyred. He wrote: "A new year is knocking on the door, but our war, Mother, still beats louder. A year in which every day has dried up, and its clock stopped at that moment, at that look. Our days have become the same; they have no color, no taste without you. You were our days, our joy, and the goodness within them. Blessed are you where you now reside, and may we have the patience to endure your absence. Our years stopped when your heartbeat stopped. Until we meet again on that promised day."

The Government Media Office in Gaza announced that the martyrdom of journalists Hamza Wael Al-Dahdouh and Mustafa Tharia brought the total number of journalists martyred in Gaza since the start of the Israeli aggression on October 7, 2023, to 109.



## **The Martyred Journalist Mustafa Thoria: His Aerial Shots Were Not Tolerated by Israeli Forces**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Aerial footage showing the distribution of food to displaced people in the refugee camps of Rafah in southern Gaza—these moving scenes were the last captured by photojournalist Mustafa Thoria, bringing a poignant end to a short yet impactful career.

Photojournalist Mustafa Thoria was martyred alongside his colleague Hamza Al-Dahdouh, Al Jazeera cameraman and the son of Al Jazeera correspondent Wael Al-Dahdouh, on January 7, 2024, in an Israeli airstrike on a car west of Khan Younis in southern Gaza.

Local sources reported that Israeli forces targeted Mustafa and Hamza along with other journalists while they were working in an area where civilians had sought refuge due to ongoing bombardments in various regions of Gaza.

Mustafa Said Thoria was born on October 23, 1994, in Gaza City. He worked for several media outlets, most notably as a photojournalist for Al Jazeera and as a photographer for Agence France-Presse since 2019.

Thoria was married and had a daughter named “Sewar.” He was also active on social media, where he shared his daily life and journalistic work, amassing around 266,000 followers across his Instagram and Facebook accounts.

Al Jazeera shared a video on YouTube, filmed by Thoria, documenting his journey from Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in central Gaza to Rafah in

the south, highlighting the plight of displaced people forced to evacuate their homes at the request of the Israeli military.

Throughout the Israeli assault, Thoria's lens captured scenes of bombardments and destruction of civilians' homes, as well as heart-wrenching footage of women and children being rescued from beneath the rubble of bombed buildings.

Thoria employed modern technology, such as drone photography, to document the impact of the war on Palestinians. He used a small drone designed for journalistic purposes to capture aerial footage.

Later, the Israeli army justified targeting and killing Thoria, claiming he had been using the drone to monitor Israeli forces advancing into Khan Younis in southern Gaza.

It seems Thoria anticipated that his work, particularly his use of advanced journalistic technology uncommon among local journalists, might make him a target for the Israeli military due to his documentation of their violations during the war on Gaza.

Heart-wrenching footage shared by activists on social media showed the emotional farewell of Thoria's mother and wife as they bid him farewell before his burial.



## The Martyred Journalist Mohammed Abu Dayer: The Television Director Trainer Who Was Killed While Displaced

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

On October 8, 2023, journalist Mohammed Abu Dayer shared a photo of his destroyed home in Jabalia refugee camp in northern Gaza following an Israeli airstrike. He captioned it: “Alhamdulillah for everything, we are okay.” However, just days later, an Israeli airstrike claimed his life.

Mohammed Abu Dayer, a photographer and television director, was martyred on January 8, 2024, in an Israeli airstrike on a house belonging to the Zahd family, where he was staying in Jabalia refugee camp, northern Gaza.

Born on August 7, 1987, in Jabalia refugee camp, Abu Dayer completed his primary education in the camp’s schools and graduated from Abu Ubaida bin Al-Jarrah School in 2005.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in Arabic Language and Media from Al-Azhar University in Gaza in 2010 and later obtained a master’s degree in Middle Eastern Studies from the same university.

At the time of his martyrdom, Abu Dayer had been working as a television cameraman for Gaza’s Ministry of Interior since March 2008. He produced numerous documentaries that highlighted the work of Gaza’s security services during crises, such as the COVID-19 pandemic and their role in overseeing high school exams.

Abu Dayer also worked as a trainer in television directing and lectured part-time in several Palestinian universities.

His colleague, Mohammed Abu Al-Rous, spoke about Abu Dayer's dedication, saying: "Mohammed was passionate about his work. He saw photography and directing as Gaza's mirror to the world, and he worked tirelessly to showcase Gaza's true, bright image to all nations."

He added: "like hundreds of thousands of Gaza's northern residents, Abu Dayer refused to flee to southern Gaza, believing that displacing civilians was a violation of international law."

The Government Media Office in Gaza stated that Abu Dayer was the 112th journalist killed by Israeli forces since the start of the genocidal war on Gaza on October 7, 2023.

In his final Facebook post on October 17, 2023, Abu Dayer wrote: "We have no one but You, O God... Hearts have reached the throats... Have mercy on us."

His friend, Ahmed Jamal, wrote a tribute on Facebook on January 8, 2024: "I pray that God grants you His wide mercy and places you in the highest paradise, my dear friend and neighbor, journalist Mohammed Abu Dayer. Your departure has pained me. Yesterday, despite everything you were enduring in Gaza, you were full of spirit and working hard to alleviate our people's suffering. May God bless you in eternal paradise."

Salah Abdul Atti, head of the International Commission to Support Palestinian People's Rights, classified the killing of Abu Dayer and all Palestinian journalists as a "war crime." Abdul Atti emphasized that "international law, along with all UN resolutions and international conventions, mandates protection for journalists, and their deliberate targeting constitutes a war crime that demands accountability."



## The Martyred Journalist Abdullah Brais: Dreamt of Improving Gaza's Education Sector

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

In a horrific Israeli massacre, journalist Abdullah Brais and his family were sleeping peacefully when Israeli warplanes bombed their home with several missiles, committing one of the most heinous acts of collective killing against Palestinian families.

Journalist Abdullah Iyad Brais, head of the photography department at “Rawafed” Educational Channel, was martyred on January 8, 2024, when an Israeli airstrike targeted a multi-story building belonging to the Brais family in the Khan Younis refugee camp in southern Gaza, resulting in the death of 27 family members.

Born in 1998 in Khan Younis, Brais completed his primary and secondary education in the city's schools. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Journalism and Media from the Islamic University of Gaza.

After graduating, Brais worked in the Public Relations Department at the Ministry of Education in Gaza. He then transitioned to work for Rawafed Educational Channel, eventually becoming the head of the channel's photography department.

Adel Al-Fakhouri, a friend of Brais, described him as a role model for Palestinian journalism through his dedication and sincerity. He stated, “I don't understand what threat Abdullah posed to Israel to be killed in such a Nazi-like manner. All I know is that he was an educational journalist focused on documenting educational events and striving to improve the education sector in Palestine.”



His colleague, Hanaa Al-Jarousha, mourned him in a Facebook post: “May Allah accept you, Abdullah Brais, our dear colleague. A young man of exceptional character.”

The Government Media Office mourned Brais, emphasizing that Israel seeks to silence the Palestinian narrative by targeting anyone who reports the reality on the ground during its brutal war on Gaza.

Salah Abdul Atti, head of the International Commission to Support Palestinian People’s Rights, stated that “targeting journalist Brais, along with other Palestinian journalists, constitutes a crime that demands accountability under international laws that protect journalists during times of war.”

He added that Israel deliberately targets journalists without regard for international laws because of the political and legal immunity provided by the United States. Abdul Atti emphasized that Israel’s primary goal in systematically targeting journalists is to conceal the truth from the world and cover up its crimes.



## The Martyred Journalist Ahmad Bdeir: “Grief Comes Once and Forever”

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

“Grief does not come in waves; it arrives all at once and stays forever.” These were the last words written by journalist Ahmad Bdeir on his Facebook page on January 7, 2024, before he was killed in an Israeli airstrike just three days later, leaving his grieving mother in eternal sorrow.

On the morning of January 10, 2024, Bdeir, an editor at Al-Hadaf News Portal, said goodbye to his wife and his one-and-a-half-year-old daughter, leaving his home near Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir Al-Balah, central Gaza, with his camera and other journalistic tools. Moments later, an Israeli airstrike hit, turning the area into dust and rubble.

As the dust settled, people rushed to save the injured. Nine people, including journalist Ahmad Bdeir, lost their lives in the attack on a neighboring building.

Born on November 27, 1993, in Gaza City, Bdeir completed his secondary education at Khalil Al-Wazir School. He graduated with a degree in Electronic Journalism from Al-Aqsa University and worked as an editor at Al-Hadaf News Portal from 2014 until his martyrdom.

Bdeir produced numerous journalistic pieces about Palestinian refugees in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and documented Israeli violations in the West Bank refugee camps. He also had a passion for acting, performing in youth centers before transitioning to scriptwriting and directing. He participated in several plays, including *Raya* and *Sakina* and *Dostour Ya Asyadna*, as well as in radio dramas such as *The Sad Night Bird*, *Al-Zini*

Barakat, The Dream of Day and Night, and Zizinia.

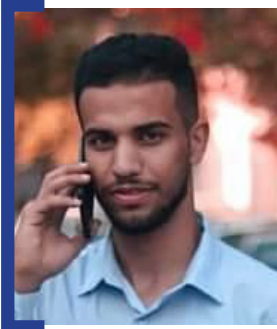
Despite Israeli orders to evacuate, Bdeir refused to leave Gaza City. He remained steadfast for weeks, documenting the hardships faced by the residents. As the relentless bombardment continued, he eventually sought refuge in Deir Al-Balah but remained committed to his work.

The official Palestinian news agency, WAFA, shared footage of Bdeir's funeral on YouTube, attended by dozens of friends, relatives, and fellow journalists.

Journalists and activists mourned Bdeir across social media. Ahmed Ghanem wrote on Facebook: "Our beloved friend and colleague Ahmad Bdeir has passed in an airstrike near Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital. Ahmad was with us for three months, during which he was a great brother, friend, and companion—so generous, noble, and great. May Allah grant you mercy, Ahmad."

Omar Sabra shared a photo of Bdeir's mother bidding him farewell, captioning it: "The hardest goodbye: a mother's farewell. Oh my God, when will this bloody massacre in Gaza end? #Stop\_the\_dirty\_war."

Abdul Qadir, a close friend of Bdeir, mourned his fallen companion in a heartfelt Facebook post, writing: "This pain never ends, and this vengeance remains as long as the occupation persists. My friend, my companion, and my eldest son, 'Ahmad Naim Bdeir,' is now a martyr on Gaza's soil. He never hesitated in performing his duty as a journalist and a resistor. He never wavered for a moment in standing against the occupation. Let the eyes of the cowards never find sleep. He always called me 'father'... Goodbye, son... You lived free, resisting, and you died a martyr on the most precious soil."



**The Martyred journalist Fouad Abu Khammash: “There is nothing stopping me from delivering my message”**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

“Nothing can stop us from doing our job and delivering our message. The events we capture are far harder in reality than they appear in the videos.”

These were the last words of photographer Fuad Abu Khammash, who worked alongside ambulance crews, documenting their rescue efforts during ongoing Israeli airstrikes on Gaza.

On January 10, 2024, Abu Khammash was martyred in an Israeli airstrike targeting an ambulance transporting injured civilians on Salah Al-Din Street in central Gaza. The Palestinian Red Crescent Society confirmed that six Palestinians died in the attack, including four members of their team and two injured civilians who were in the ambulance.

In a press release, the PRCS identified the four staff members as ambulance driver Yousef Abu Ma'mar, medic Fadi Al-Ma'ani, first responder Islam Abu Rayala, and volunteer journalist Fuad Abu Khammash.

Fouad Ahmed Mohsen Abu Khammash was born on July 16, 1997, in the city of Deir al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip.

Abu Khammash received his high school diploma from Abdul Karim al-Aklouk School, and graduated from the Department of Journalism and Media at the University of Palestine in Gaza.

The International Committee of the Red Cross also condemned this Israeli raid, describing it as unacceptable.

Abu Khammash was active on social media, sharing photos and video clips of his own production, showing the effects of the Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip, on his Instagram and Facebook pages.

The Palestinian Red Crescent's Facebook page shared one of Fuad's videos on December 7, 2023, showing their medical teams handling the remains of martyrs in Deir al-Balah.

Friends and colleagues mourned Fuad's loss on social media platforms. Basil Khalaf wrote: "Who's going to tell me 'Abu Ahmed are you listening now? Who's going to tell me what's happening on the streets and in the houses? Who's going to continue the stories and the film project you wanted to create? The streets and homes of Al-Bureij, Al-Nuseirat, Al-Maghazi, Deir al-Balah, and Zawaida bear witness to your humanitarian work."

Salma Qaddoumi expressed her sorrow over the loss of her friends as she wrote: "The loved ones are gone, oh Lord, grant us patience. The eyes weep, the heart aches, and we are truly grieved at your loss. May God have mercy on my friends and colleagues at the Palestinian Red Crescent."

Amani Muhammad also remembered Fuad in a post she shared on Facebook: "Martyr Fuad Abu Khammash was a journalist and a volunteer with the Red Crescent. A quiet, kind, and well-loved young man. He was always helpful—if anyone asked him for something, he would do it. He was ambitious, a creative photographer, always striving to develop himself. He documented the crimes of the occupation and shared them on his account."



## The Martyred Journalist Sharif Okasha: A Strike Ended His Life on the Day of His Job Interview

**By: Yahya Al-Yaacoubi**

Sharif Akasha laid out new clothes, perfume, and a bag he had prepared to set off for a new job, after signing a contract with a media institution. It was an opportunity to develop himself, open new horizons in journalism, and establish his name in the media field. But in the early hours of January 10, 2024, Sharif's eyes closed as he slept, along with his dreams, hoping to wake up the next morning to a new beginning.

On the ground floor of the house his family had recently moved into in Deir al-Balah, central Gaza Strip, the walls trembled as a nearby explosion lit up the night, sending smoke rising into the sky. Shorouq, his sister, felt her heart tremble with the shock. She quickly gathered herself, her mother, and everyone in the house, ushering them out as the alternative energy light flickered off. Together, they ran into the night, away from the site of the blast.

"We were searching for safety, and on the way, we realized my brother Sharif was missing. We called out to him, but there was no response," his sister Shorouq recalls of those terrifying moments. "My other brother ran up to check on him and suddenly began screaming, 'Sharif has a head injury!' That's when we began calling for an ambulance."

A blood-soaked pillow, mattress, and sheets lay beneath him, blood flowing from his head after shrapnel from an Israeli missile struck him as he slept. Next to him were his new clothes, silent witnesses to the dreams

of a journalist whose life was cut short before they could be realized—a new job, forever stamped out by the occupation.

Paramedics and neighbors carried Sharif to the ambulance, his blood dripping steadily onto the ground as they brought him down from his unfinished attic room. The open windows stood as silent witnesses, as if a stream of blood had begun to flow, unceasing and uncontained.

The family had hoped it would be just an injury, something the doctors could manage to stop the bleeding. But they didn't yet know the damage the shrapnel had caused. When they reached the hospital to check on him, the nurse and doctor's faces were different—pale, bearing the worst news. Their expressions summed up everything, leaving only the final, agonizing confirmation: "May God accept him as a martyr. May God give you patience."

His sister and her family endured the war together. Since October 7, 2023, after enduring days of relentless bombing in northern Gaza, they were forced to seek refuge in Nuseirat Camp in central Gaza, staying there until year-end. But with new threats targeting Nuseirat, they braced for yet another displacement, moving further to Deir al-Balah.

The day before his martyrdom, Sharif woke up and shared a dream with his mother, a moment his sister now replays vividly in her mind. "He told her he saw himself walking on green land. None of us thought it could be a sign of martyrdom," his sister recalls. "My mother even gave it another meaning, telling him, 'God willing, good things are coming. You'll find a good job, and we'll get you married.'"

Sharif studied journalism and media, dreaming of becoming a renowned journalist known for his professionalism and dedication. He aspired to make his mark in the media field, nurturing his name with hard work, passion, and unwavering commitment.

Her voice tinged with sadness, she shares, "He was so happy about the new contract he signed with a media organization from the West Bank. He saw it as a chance to build his future and finally earn a good salary."

In addition to his journalistic work documenting crimes, his sister's eyes reflected a deep awareness of his other humanitarian efforts. She recalls, "He risked his life to help transport the injured after our neighbors'

house was bombed. He would accompany emergency teams to recover the bodies of the martyrs. On one occasion, he spent five days searching for a missing person.”

At home, her brother was a different person, unbound by formalities and restrictions. She describes him as “the heart of the family, someone who brought laughter to everyone, young and old alike. The younger members would eagerly race to sleep beside him, sometimes even creating a daily schedule to determine who would share his bed. Their deep affection for him stemmed from his playful spirit; he would spend all day engaging with them.”

He did not harm anyone, and when he was martyred, he departed, perfumed, in the same sleep, without moving, as if he did not feel death, and a slight smile was drawn on his features, which remained the last image imprinted on his sister and family.

On January 7, Okasha posted a condolence message on his Facebook page offering his condolences to journalist Wael Al-Dahdouh for the martyrdom of his son Hamza. A day earlier, he posted a message of condolences to his friend Mohammed Awad for the martyrdom of his brother, wife and children. On December 1, he wrote, “There are no words to mourn you, my dear. May God have mercy on you, Montaser,” mourning the martyred journalist Mustafa Al-Sawaf. On October 20, he posted a will in which he said, “If I sleep and death takes me, then prayers is the promise we should keep.”

Sharif fulfilled his duties, offered condolences, and packed his bags for a journey he did not expect.





## The Martyred Journalist Yazan Al-Zuwaydi: “The Active Journalist,” Companion of the Camera

**By: Ahmed Abu Qamar**

The martyred journalist Yazan Imad Amin Al-Zuwaidi, 27, was renowned for his deep affection for his camera, which accompanied him everywhere. Hailing from Beit Hanoun, a city in the northern Gaza Strip frequently subjected to aggression from the Israeli occupation, Yazan viewed his camera as the most effective means to convey the suffering of his community.

On January 14, 2024, journalist Al-Zuwaidi, who works as a photographer for Al-Ghad satellite channel, headed to work to cover the events taking place in his hometown of Beit Hanoun.

Al-Zuwaidi, who lost his father at a young age, was displaced with his family in the early hours of the war on Gaza, seeking refuge in a UNRWA shelter in Jabalia camp, located in the northern Gaza Strip. Their home was situated in the Bura Abu Ghazala area (Al-Adisi), near the northern border of Gaza.

He was known among his colleagues as the “active journalist,” a sentiment echoed by his friend, journalist Samer Al-Zaanin, who mourned his martyrdom and expressed deep sadness over the loss of his professional companion.

Al-Zaanin confirms that Yazan was among the first journalists to cover the war in Gaza, carrying his camera as a weapon even during their displacement from home. He notes that Yazan’s commitment to his journalistic duty did not shield him from harm; he was targeted and killed by a

drone strike. This tragic loss left his family without their sole breadwinner, compounding the grief they endured after losing their father when Yazan was just a child.

Journalist Dr. Youssef Al-Ustadh, Deputy Director General of Al-Ghad Channel, mourned him, stating, “Yazan Al-Zuwaidi could not have received less than what he truly deserved: to be counted among the martyrs of journalism, in an arena of glorious sacrifice.”

He penned the final lines of his life with a yearning for redemption, signing his name at the top of a list that had already been preceded by ten other journalists, with more to follow. Through the lens of “Al-Ghad,” he expressed his aspirations, declaring his wish to be the first martyr of Al-Ghad Channel.

What we wanted to convey to him is how deeply he was loved as a brother and a fellow adventurer, sharing in the most sacred aspects of our humanity. Your life sowed a seed among us, one that will eventually blossom into freedom. And now, you nourish it with the essence of your blood, as is the legacy of a true Palestinian who dares to dream of life.

Immediately following his martyrdom, Al-Ghad TV issued a statement mourning their colleague, saying, “Yazan Al-Zuwaidi, our cameraman in the Gaza Strip, was martyred after being targeted by the occupation forces.” The statement continued, “As we grieve for our colleague, the photojournalist, and all the other fallen journalists, Al-Ghad TV holds the Israeli occupation forces accountable for their targeting of journalists and media crews in Gaza. We call upon international human rights organizations to condemn Israel’s actions against freedom of expression.”

Al-Ghad Channel condemned efforts to obscure the truth and the intentional restrictions aimed at preventing the media from exposing Israeli violations against the Palestinian people. In its statement, the channel noted that martyr Yazan Al-Zuwaidi had joined its staff six years ago, during which he contributed significantly to the coverage of the wars and events experienced by the Gaza Strip.

In a statement released by Al-Zuwaidi family on January 15, 2024, they mourned their son Yazan, a journalist, and vehemently condemned the Israeli occupation for his assassination. The family asserted that the Israeli forces are morally and legally accountable for targeting civilians who

posed no threat. The statement read: “Yazan was documenting the destruction while working for Al-Ghad TV when Israeli missiles struck him in Beit Hanoun, north of the Gaza Strip, on Sunday, January 14, 2024.”

Al-Zuwaidi family urged human rights organizations and relevant authorities to take action to bring the perpetrators to justice and to shed light on the occupation’s crimes against civilians, including journalists.

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate also mourned the journalist Al-Zuwaidi, who was the 112th journalist to be martyred. It stressed that the occupation army continues to target Palestinian journalists with the intention of killing them, in its quest to kill the truth in the context of the genocide that the Palestinian people in general and our people in the Gaza Strip in particular are being subjected to.

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate also mourned Yazan, noting that he was the 112th journalist to be martyred. The Syndicate stated that the Israeli army continues to deliberately target Palestinian journalists in an attempt to kill the truth, as part of its campaign of genocide against the Palestinian people, particularly in Gaza.

In a statement issued on January 15, 2024, the Syndicate emphasized: “Amidst the horrific and brutal assault on Palestinian journalism, journalists in Gaza are enduring exceedingly complex and dangerous conditions. Death looms not only over them but also over their families, many of whom have already been killed by Israeli forces.”

In its statement, the Syndicate warned against efforts by the occupation and its affiliates to manipulate charges and fabricate false accusations against journalists as a means of justifying their killings and undermining any future international judicial actions to hold them accountable for these crimes.



## **The Martyred Journalist Wael Abu Fanouna: A Message Sealed with Blood**

**By: Yahya Al-Ya'qoubi**

Despite the closure of Palestinian media institutions, including their TV and radio stations, and the evacuation of their offices due to the continuous targeting by the Israeli occupation since the beginning of the genocide, Wael Abu Fanouna, the General Manager of “Al-Quds Today” TV channel, remained steadfast at his post. He continued overseeing the work of the channel’s reporters and photographers, refusing to darken the screen with a black banner. Instead, he kept the channel alive with various programs.

Despite the shutdown of Palestinian media institutions, including TV and radio stations and the forced evacuation of offices due to continuous targeting by the Israeli occupation since the beginning of the genocide, Wael Abu Fanouna, General Manager of “Al-Quds Today” TV, remained resolute in his role. He continued to lead the channel’s reporters and photographers, refusing to darken the screen with a black banner. Instead, he kept the channel active through a range of programs, ensuring its continued broadcast.

With the available resources, the channel kept running under his leadership. Abu Fanouna followed up on every visual material broadcast by the channel, documenting the crimes of the Israeli occupation. He ultimately paid the price for his dedication when he was directly targeted on January 18, 2024.

Under his leadership, the channel continued to operate with the avail-

able resources. Abu Fanouna meticulously monitored every piece of visual content broadcasted, ensuring the documentation of the Israeli occupation's crimes. His unwavering commitment ultimately came at a cost, as he was directly targeted on January 18, 2024.

Born in the Al-Shuja'iyya neighborhood of Gaza City to a family displaced from the village of Qatra in 1948, Abu Fanouna was raised in a household deeply rooted in religious values, regularly attending mosques and Quran memorization circles. His exemplary character was recognized by all, particularly by the Program Director of "Al-Quds Today," who highlighted his high moral standards, describing him as a kind and dutiful son. Additionally, he was well-regarded for his strong family ties.

Like many other refugees, Abu Fanouna attended schools operated by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), where he excelled academically, graduating with distinction in the science stream. He later married his cousin, Fatima, with her father enthusiastically supporting the union. In a gesture that reflected his trust in Abu Fanouna's character, her father waived the dowry, requesting only a few prayers and praises to the Prophet, recognizing that he was giving his daughter to an exceptional man.

Growing up in a household that had produced martyrs for Palestine, Abu Fanouna embraced the mission of media advocacy. He was a founding member of Al-Quds Today Channel, where he envisioned a new platform in Palestinian media dedicated to programs that highlighted themes of resistance, Jerusalem, and the right of return.

Colleague Abu Shaweesh remarked, "He left a profound impact, particularly through programs that emphasized resistance, the history of Palestine, the plight of refugees, and the experiences of prisoners. He also made significant contributions to dramatic productions that documented key phases of the Palestinian people's resistance, including the series \*Milad Al-Fajr (The Birth of Dawn)\*, which he worked on for two seasons before the third season was interrupted by the war."

Abu Fanouna also contributed to filming the documentary \*Sharat Nasr Jalbou'\*, which detailed the escape of six prisoners from Israeli prisons. He worked diligently to forge connections with Palestinian and Arab media institutions and focused on creating national, family, health, and religious programs that aired on the channel.

Within the channel, Abu Fanouna fostered a collaborative environment, breaking down traditional hierarchies between management and staff. “He treated everyone as colleagues and brothers,” said Abu Shaweesh. “He mastered his work and truly earned his position. Even in his final moments, we were in constant contact despite his being in Gaza City. Just before his martyrdom, he was still engaged, advising everyone to take maximum precautions.”

Despite attempts by the Israeli occupation to avoid accountability for its crimes against Palestinian journalists, it acknowledged the killing of Abu Fanouna, falsely alleging that he was the deputy director of the media arm of the Islamic Jihad Movement. And so, Abu Fanouna departed this world, leaving behind a message etched in his own blood.



## **The Martyred Journalist Iyad Al-Rawagh: A Plea Silenced by Israeli Missiles**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

“My wife had to travel to accompany our injured son, and under the circumstances, she left our infant in Gaza with me. The treatment journey is expected to take more than two months, so I’m seeking someone among those accompanying the injured who can transport my infant son from Gaza to his mother at Beir al-Abd Hospital in northern Sinai. The child cries day and night, and there is no milk in Gaza to ease his hunger.”

On January 9, 2024, journalist Iyad Al-Rawagh, presenter and host at Al-Aqsa Radio in Gaza, posted on Facebook in a desperate attempt to reunite his infant son, Ahmad, with his mother, who was in Egypt caring for their injured child. Following an earlier Israeli attack, his wife had left Gaza to accompany their son for medical treatment. Just days after this heartfelt plea, Al-Rawagh and his infant son were tragically killed in an Israeli airstrike that targeted their home.

Iyad Al-Rawagh, along with 11 members of his family—including his four children, Louay, Nada, Yazan, and Ahmad—were martyred on January 25, 2024, when Israeli occupation forces bombed their home in Al-Hassayna area of Al-Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza.

Iyad Ahmed Al-Rawagh was born in Gaza City on March 5, 1981, and completed his high school education at Palestine Secondary School for Boys. He pursued higher education in medical technology at the Faculty of Applied Sciences, 6th of October University in Egypt, where he studied from July 2000 to August 2004.

Iyad Al-Rawagh served as a presenter, program host, voice-over artist, and language editor at Al-Aqsa Radio in Gaza City. In a heart-wrenching post on Facebook, his wife expressed her grief: "You broke my heart, my love. May God have mercy on you, forgive you, and grant you a place among the prophets, martyrs, and the righteous. My husband, the light of my life, Iyad Al-Rawagh, is now a martyr with God. Farewell, my fragrant musk."

Al-Aqsa Radio also mourned the loss of their colleague, releasing a statement that read: "With hearts reassured by God's decree, Al-Aqsa Radio mourns the martyrdom of our colleague, journalist Iyad Al-Rawagh, a beloved program host at Al-Aqsa Radio, who was martyred alongside multiple family members after the Israeli occupation bombed their home. We ask God to grant mercy and acceptance to him and to all the martyrs of our people, and to bestow patience and solace upon their families."

Social media activists mourned Al-Rawagh's passing. Sahar Jaber wrote, "Israeli missiles silenced the cries of an infant longing for his mother, taking with him his father Iyad and 14 other family members. Journalist Iyad Al-Rawagh's son had been injured and left for treatment with his mother, leaving behind a baby in need of care. Iyad endured the infant's cries day and night, yearning for his absent mother's embrace."

Iyad Al-Rawagh left this world without a final farewell. He carried the weight of his nation, embodying patriotism in his work. He leaves behind a powerful legacy, devoted to truth in an era when Israel sought to silence it during its war on Gaza.





## The Martyred Journalist Issam Al-Loulou: Israeli Raid Claims the Life of the “Palestine” Broadcaster

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

The knight, Issam Al-Loulou, dismounted from his horse after decades dedicated to the pursuit of truth in the face of adversity. He was silenced by an Israeli airstrike that claimed yet another voice for Palestine. As one of the pioneering broadcasters, Al-Loulou was a founding member of Palestine TV, and his distinctive voice was instantly recognizable to anyone who heard it. On January 28, 2024, the long life of journalist Issam Al-Loulou came to a tragic end when he was martyred alongside his entire family, including his wife, daughter, son Mohammad, Mohammad's wife, and their young daughter. They had sought refuge in a home in the town of Al-Zawaida in central Gaza after fleeing Gaza City amidst Israel's genocidal war against the Palestinian people.

Activists on social media circulated footage depicting the aftermath of the Israeli airstrike that targeted the house where Al-Loulou and his family had sought refuge.

Issam Haidar Al-Loulou was born in Gaza City on September 9, 1954, and he completed his secondary education at Palestine Secondary School for Boys in Gaza.

He later traveled to Egypt, where he enrolled at Al-Azhar University and earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the Faculty of Commerce.

When the Palestinian National Authority was established in 1994, Al-Loulou became one of the founding members of Palestine TV. He served as a broadcaster, program director, and director of religious programming for the national television network.

## **Al-Loulou was married and had a son and a daughter**

The Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate mourned the loss of their esteemed colleague, Issam Al-Loulou, a founding member of Palestine TV and one of the earliest news and program presenters. He was martyred alongside his wife, son Mohammad, and daughter due to an Israeli air-strike.

Palestinian official media also expressed their sorrow over Al-Loulou's death, emphasizing in a statement issued on January 29, 2024, that the assassination of Al-Loulou and his family members served as a blood-stained message intended to intimidate Palestinian journalists and deter them from documenting the suffering of their people and exposing Israel's crimes. The statement reaffirmed the commitment of official Palestinian media to seek justice for the assassinated journalists in Gaza by bringing their cases before international courts and organizations, including global human rights institutions.

The news of Al-Loulou's martyrdom cast a deep shadow over the journalistic community and all who had the privilege of knowing him throughout his life. Many of his friends expressed their sorrow, recalling the personal moments they had shared with him.

Palestinian poet Fadwa Hassan conveyed her grief in a heartfelt post on Facebook, stating: "Indeed, we belong to God, and to Him, we shall return. My dear teacher, the Palestinian journalist and broadcaster Issam Al-Loulou, has ascended to God's mercy. Our last conversation took place just days before his martyrdom, during which he promised to record a new poem of mine with his beautiful voice, having already gifted me two recordings of my poems last year. To the eternal paradise, my dearest friend. You were chosen for martyrdom because you truly deserve that honor. God selected you so that the world would recognize your heart, burdened with a stolen homeland, your voice that resonated with our cause, and your kind spirit, Issam. You have gone ahead of us to paradise, your martyrdom sealed by the Almighty."



## The Martyred Journalist Mohammad Atta Allah: “You Were Next, Our Colleague”

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

I last encountered my colleague, journalist Mohammad Atta Allah, during a demonstration held by journalists in Gaza City on May 11, 2022. The protest was in response to the assassination of Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Akleh by the Israeli army. As he held up a picture of Shireen, Mohammad remarked, “The cowards assassinated her, and no one knows who will be next among us.” Tragically, he could not have anticipated that he would become one of the many journalists killed by Israel during its brutal war on the Gaza Strip, which erupted in October 2023.

Mohammad Abdel-Fattah Atta Allah was martyred in an Israeli airstrike that targeted his family’s home in Al-Shati refugee camp, located west of Gaza City, on January 29, 2024. The strike resulted in the deaths of several of his family members and in-laws, with many others still trapped beneath the rubble.

In a prior Israeli airstrike, Mohammad lost his sister Alaa, her husband, their children, as well as his brother Naeem, Naeem’s wife, and their child.

Born in Gaza on May 11, 1991, Atta Allah completed his secondary education at Abu Ubaida Bin Al-Jarrah School. He later earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism and media from Al-Aqsa University in Gaza.

Mohammad served as a news editor for Al-Resalah newspaper, published in Gaza. He also contributed political analysis articles to Raseef

electronic media, focusing on the Palestinian-Israeli conflicts and their impact on civilians.

The Palestinian Government Media Office announced that the number of martyred journalists had risen to 122 following Atta Allah's death.

In his last Facebook post, dated November 15, 2023, Mohammad expressed his anguish over the ongoing war: "Forty days have passed like forty years. O Lord, bring relief and end this war. We are exhausted, and our hearts can bear no more."

His friends and colleagues mourned his loss on social media, reflecting on his personal and professional life. Mahmoud Al-Louh, a friend of Mohammad, wrote in a Facebook post, "Farewell, my friend... This is the heavy price we all pay because we stand for the truth. And truth is dignity, and dignity is speaking the truth with voice, image, and pen."

His friends and colleagues mourned his loss on social media, reflecting on both his personal and professional life. Mahmoud Al-Louh, a friend of Mohammad, expressed his grief in a Facebook post: "Farewell, my friend. This is the heavy price we all pay for standing up for the truth. Truth is dignity, and dignity lies in speaking the truth through voice, image, and pen."



## The Martyred Journalist Dr. Rizq Al-Ghrabaly: Killed on His Birthday After a Life Rich in Knowledge and Dedication

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Fate determined that February 6 would be marked by two contrasting events in the life of journalist Dr. Rizq Al-Ghrabaly: his birth and his assassination. The forty years between his cradle and grave were filled with knowledge, hard work, and unwavering dedication.

Al-Ghrabaly was martyred in an Israeli airstrike that targeted his family home in Al-Amal neighborhood, located west of Khan Yunis. This attack occurred amid heavy bombardment and a ground invasion on February 6, 2024.

Rizq Muhammad Ghazi Al-Gharabli was born on February 6, 1984, in Khan Yunis, located in the southern Gaza Strip. He completed his high school education at Haroun Al-Rashid Secondary School in Khan Yunis. Although he was only 40 years old at the time of his passing, his life was characterized by perseverance and high spirits. He successfully balanced work and study while also volunteering and engaging in religious preaching and sermons.

Al-Ghrabaly's diverse academic background greatly contributed to his extensive knowledge. He studied journalism and media at the Islamic University of Gaza, mastered the English language, pursued Islamic sciences at Al-Quds Open University, and earned a master's degree in Islamic jurisprudence from Al-Azhar University in Gaza. He later traveled to Malaysia, where he completed his Ph.D. in Islamic jurisprudence.

Despite battling diabetes, which he was diagnosed with during his studies abroad, Al-Ghrabaly persevered with his academic pursuits and continued his teaching.

He served as a university lecturer at the Islamic University in Minnesota, USA, from January 2022 until his assassination. Additionally, he lectured at Al-Aqsa Integrated School in Malaysia from 2018 to 2021.

Although the late martyr had several options to stay abroad, he preferred to return home. The martyr Al-Gharabli managed the office of the Palestinian Media Center in the Gaza Strip since 2015, led the work team, and was involved in coverage and preparing reports, until days before his martyrdom when the occupation tightened its siege on his residential area in Al-Amal neighborhood in Khan Yunis.

Al-Ghrabaly's contributions extended beyond journalism. He served as an academic supervisor for theses at the University of the People in the USA and acted as a Sharia advisor for various economic institutions. He even founded a training center specializing in economic studies.

Since the onset of the Israeli war on Gaza on October 7, 2023, Al-Ghrabaly dedicated his Facebook account to inspiring resilience and steadfastness in the face of aggression. On December 22, 2023, he wrote a post encouraging Gaza's residents to remain steadfast against the onslaught:

"Remove your shoes before stepping on its soil, for Gaza's ground is made from the bones of its youth. Its sky rains glory, and its clouds bring battles. Kiss its earth with a smile; nations endure through their trials. #An\_Hour\_of\_Patience."

On the same day, he wrote another post expressing his deep attachment to his homeland and his rejection of the displacement plans that the aggression aimed to impose, stating:

"#Oh\_homeland, if I had two hearts, I would live with one and dedicate the other to enduring the pain of your love. However, I have only one heart, consumed by passion, neither life is sweet to it nor is death close at hand. Like a bird in the palm of a child who humiliates it, it suffers the torment of death while the child plays. Neither does the child possess the sense to show pity for its plight, nor is the bird free to spread its wings and fly."

The Palestinian Media Center mourned the loss of Dr. Rizq Al-Ghrabaly, its director in Gaza, noting that with his martyrdom, the number of journalists killed since the onset of Israel's genocidal war on Gaza has risen to 123.



## The Martyred Journalist Nafez Hamdan: A Legacy to Be Passed Down Through Generations

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

God's decree was fulfilled with the passing of Nafez Hamdan. Your departure, carrying the honor of martyrdom among journalists, is a fitting culmination of a long life devoted to media work. Today, everyone who knew you recalls your dedication and loyalty to your profession. You leave behind a legacy that deserves to be taught from generation to generation.

Nafez Hamdan, a journalist and director, was renowned as one of the most prominent producers of political and cultural programs on Palestine TV. Nafez Muharib Hamdan (Abdul Jawad) was martyred alongside his only son, Muhammad, who was 18 years old, on February 7, 2024. His wife, Rula Al-Durra, sustained severe burns and injuries in an Israeli airstrike that targeted the home of his brother-in-law, Awni Al-Durra, on Al-Salam Street in Deir Al-Balah, where Hamdan's family had sought refuge.

Nafez Muharib Hamdan (Abdul Jawad) was born on March 22, 1965, in Deir Al-Balah refugee camp in central Gaza. His family originally hailed from the village of Al-Sawafir Al-Shamali, which was occupied in 1948. They were displaced during Al Nakba and subsequently settled in refugee camps.

Hamdan completed his primary and secondary education at UNRWA schools, earning his high school diploma before joining the Teacher Training Institute in Gaza in 1986. After graduation, he worked as a daily wage teacher in Gaza schools before traveling to Yemen, where he taught Arabic in 1995.

Upon returning to his homeland, Hamdan joined Palestine TV's preparation department in 1998 and later pursued a degree in journalism and media at Al-Aqsa University in 2000.

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate mourned the loss of their colleague Nafez Hamdan, who, along with his only son, was killed in an Israeli air-strike on their home in Deir Al-Balah, central Gaza. Journalists and social media activists remembered Hamdan's virtues and expressed their sorrow following his long career in journalism. Dr. Khawla Muharib Hamdan, Nafez's sister, shared a heartfelt post on Facebook mourning her brother:

"To God we belong, and to Him we return. Our hearts are broken over losing you, our beloved brother and the light of our eyes. My dear brother, Nafez Muharib Hamdan Abdul Jawad, one of the founders of Palestine TV and a senior program producer, has been martyred along with his only son, the light of our lives, Muhammad Nafez Hamdan Abdul Jawad, a high school student. They were killed when the shelter home they were in was bombed, causing a massive fire that claimed their lives. May God have mercy on you, the light of our eyes, and reunite us in the highest ranks of paradise."

The last post Nafez Hamdan wrote on Facebook on October 13, 2023, was a criticism of the world's silence regarding Israel's aggression in Gaza. He wrote:

"After 75 years since the 1948 Nakba, we have continued to demand the right to return to our land, cities, and villages. Today, Arab rulers and nations witness the second, and possibly final, displacement, planned by America, blessed by colonial European powers, and facilitated by the failure of the United Nations and its institutions. We tell the world that the Palestinian people did not sell their land in 1948. The conspiracy unfolding today is a mirror image of the Nakba of 1948."

He added: "Have the peoples of the world now come to believe the Palestinian narrative despite the complicity of their rulers? Or does the Zionist narrative still hold sway, despite the countless crimes and massacres committed by this terrorist state, created by colonial powers that defy description and understanding? We thank the passive observers and wish them an enjoyable spectacle."





## **The Martyred Journalist Yasser Al-Fadi: A Sniper's Bullet Assassinates the Truth**

**By: Ahmed Abu Qamar**

An Israeli sniper's bullet did not give journalist Yasser Mamdouh Al-Fadi, aged 40, the chance to report on the scale of destruction and massacres during the war, striking him down before his camera at Nasser Medical Complex in Khan Younis, southern Gaza.

The journalist Al-Fadi, who for a decade and a half had been conveying the media message and speaking on behalf of the citizens in all the events and occasions experienced by the city of Khan Younis in particular, has passed away.

In the details of his martyrdom, journalist Yasser Al-Fadi was present at Nasser Hospital, reporting on the suffering of patients and displaced individuals until the Israeli occupation forces besieged the hospital at the end of January.

Al-Fadi continued to monitor the state of siege experienced by those present in Nasser Medical Complex, including patients, companions, and displaced people, as he roamed between the departments with his camera. Tragically, he was struck by a sniper bullet on February 11, 2024, falling as a martyr immediately.

Al-Fadi worked as a reporter and cameraman for Kanaan News Agency and had previously contributed to various other news outlets.

In a statement, Kanaan News Agency mourned journalist Yasser Mamdouh Al-Fadi, who was martyred while on duty during the siege of Nass-

er Medical Complex. The agency stated, “Kanaan News Agency mourns our colleague, journalist Yasser Mamdouh Al-Fadi, one of the dedicated team members, who was martyred on Sunday, February 11, 2024, while performing his journalistic duties at Nasser Medical Complex, shot by an Israeli sniper in the hospital courtyard.”

The agency further mentioned that Yasser had previously been injured while covering the Return Marches and Al-Aqsa Intifada, “but this did not stop him from continuing his national mission.” Kanaan News confirmed that it will carry forward Al-Fadi’s message and continue to expose the crimes of the Israeli occupation.

Journalist Mohammed Shaheen expressed his sorrow, saying, “We bid farewell to a dear colleague who tirelessly worked for many years in his journalistic career.” Speaking to “The Martyred Journalists Documentation Project,” Shaheen added, “This body deserves to rest now, having been wounded twice before in the line of duty. Yet, Yasser never stopped reporting the truth and exposing the crimes of the occupation.”

Shaheen emphasized that the deliberate targeting of Yasser by Israeli snipers, despite his clear press vest, constitutes a war crime with pre-meditated intent. He called for Israel to be held accountable for its repeated targeting of journalists, highlighting the unprecedented nature of these bloody crimes.

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate also mourned Yasser Al-Fadi in a Facebook post, stating that Israel deliberately assassinated him despite his clear identification as a journalist. The Palestinian Journalists Forum similarly expressed grief, noting that Yasser joined the ranks of dozens of martyred journalists who sacrificed their lives to convey the truth and expose Israeli crimes against Palestinian civilians in Gaza.

In a statement, the forum remarked, “The Palestinian journalist continues to write with blood for Palestine, crafting the most heroic chapters in the quest to reveal the suffering of the Palestinian people to the world and expose the genocide of civilians in their homes by Israel. Many journalists have been deliberately targeted by Israeli forces in this ongoing struggle.”



## The Martyred Journalist Alaa Al-Hams: No More Anxiety, No More Pain of Loss, No More Physical Suffering from Today Forward

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Alaa Al-Hams, a courageous journalist and creative writer, has passed away, leaving behind a liberated soul. No more worries, no more grief from loss, no more bodily pain, and no more Israeli airstrikes.

Alaa Al-Hams, aged 35, was martyred on February 12, 2024, succumbing to injuries she sustained in an Israeli airstrike that targeted her family's home in the Al-Geneina neighborhood, east of Rafah in the Gaza Strip, on February 10, 2024. Alaa had a 15-year-old son, Abdullah, who was severely injured in the strike. Tragically, Alaa, who was six months pregnant with her second child, was killed alongside her unborn baby.

Alaa Hassan Al-Hams was born in 1989 in Yebna refugee camp in Rafah, with her family originally hailing from the village of Yebna, which was depopulated in 1948. She earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and media from Al-Azhar University in Gaza.

Alaa worked for various media outlets, including Al-Masirah, a Palestinian TV channel. She was known for her courage and professionalism in covering Israel's repeated wars on Gaza.

She also served on the editorial board of Banfsaj, a women's media platform, where she wrote about women's issues and highlighted success stories of Palestinian women.

Al-Hams contributed to several other publications, including Nawa, fo-

cusing on women's and labor issues, as well as the impact of Israeli wars on Gaza's residents.

This was not the first Israeli strike that targeted Alaa. On December 3, 2023, her family home was bombed in another airstrike. Ten members of her family were killed in this raid, meaning everyone in the house was martyred, most notably her mother. The rest of her family were those who were not in the house that night: her father, two of her brothers, the sons of one of her brothers, who was martyred, and his wife, and the little girls remained. Alaa survived the strike, along with her son Abdullah, as they were on the upper floor of the house. However, she suffered non-fatal fractures, including one in her lower spine.

Al-Hams described the horrifying moment when she was with her 15-year-old son to her colleague Alaa Abed, editor-in-chief of Banfsaj who said on her behalf: "It was sudden—there was a loud noise and a bright light, and then I blacked out. I woke up holding onto an iron rod, surrounded by people. I asked about my family, and they told me everyone was fine before they transferred me to the hospital."

Abed added: "Alaa Al-Hams, who was recovering from her injuries, informed us a week after the airstrike that she was getting better. With the help of those around her and using medical supports, she began to walk again. Her doctor stated it was nothing short of a miracle that her six-month-old fetus had not been harmed and that her injuries did not result in permanent paralysis."

On January 23, 2023, Alaa wrote a post on Facebook recounting her experience: "By God's grace first and foremost, and the prayers of family and loved ones, I survived a near-certain death and was pulled from the rubble after the bombing of my father's house. Then, God saved me again from a permanent disability after suffering a spinal and foot fracture. Today, I am gradually recovering and can walk on my feet, though my steps are still shaky."

On January 29, 2024, Alaa posted another message on Facebook, remembering her family members who were killed in a previous airstrike: "Oh, you who have flown to the highest gardens of paradise, the most beautiful of places. Have you hurried, or was I too slow? What would it have hurt if you had included me in your final meeting?"

On the morning of Saturday, February 10, 2024, another Israeli airstrike targeted Alaa's home, leaving her severely injured. Tragically, her unborn child, whom she had planned to name Ibrahim, was killed. The doctors were initially unable to remove the baby, fearing further harm to Alaa due to her previous injuries. The baby remained deceased in her womb for several days while Alaa fought for her life in intensive care.

Eventually, the baby was removed and buried, and Alaa followed him in death two days later. Her eldest son, Abdullah, remains in intensive care, suffering from severe injuries. He continues to fight for his life, with his uncle Osama, who was also injured, as the only surviving family member to care for him.

On the day of Alaa Al-Hams's burial, only a small group of her fellow female journalists gathered to bid her farewell, as the Israeli war machine had wiped out most of her family members.



## **The Martyred Journalist Angham Adwan: Farewell to the Voice of Palestine to Libya**

**By: Ahmed Abu Qamar**

Angham Ahmed Adwan, aged 33, was the voice of Palestine, reaching audiences in Libya as she reported on the suffering of the people in Gaza through her work at Februar TV, a Libyan channel. On February 12, 2024, she was martyred in an Israeli airstrike that targeted her family's home in Jabalia, located in northern Gaza.

Journalist Lamis Al-Hams, a colleague of Angham Adwan, expressed her grief, stating that the media community had lost a journalist who left a significant mark in the field. In an interview with "The Martyred Journalist Documentaion Project", Al-Hams remarked, "Israel does not respect the rights of journalists or the international laws that call for their protection. It deliberately targets them both in the field and in their homes."

Al-Hams called for serious efforts to halt the violations against journalists and to hold Israel accountable for deliberately killing media workers and silencing the truth. She emphasized that the world cannot continue to stand by while Israel commits these atrocities against civilians and journalists. The Government Media Office in Gaza issued an official statement confirming the martyrdom of Angham Adwan, a journalist who worked with Februar TV, following the bombing of her family's home.

The office highlighted that since the beginning of Israel's brutal aggression on Gaza on October 7, the Israeli forces have deliberately targeted journalists and media crews, resulting in what can only be described as a "massacre" of journalists.

In a more detailed tribute, Angham's colleague at Februar TV, Libyan presenter Wesal Atiq, shared on Facebook: "Februar TV mourns the loss of our colleague, journalist Angham Ahmed Adwan, who was martyred in her city of Gaza due to the ongoing bombardment by Israeli forces. We ask Allah to accept her and grant her mercy."

Wesal also wrote: "We have lost a dear colleague, a journalist who fought with her words and conveyed the suffering of her people. She has now left us as the savage war in Gaza continues."

The Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate mourned the loss of Angham Adwan, condemning Israel's rampant bloodshed against journalists and their families. It emphasized that such atrocities cannot go unpunished and called for an end to the massacres, noting that Gaza has lost nearly 150 journalists in just six months.

Reporters Without Borders also issued a statement, saying, "We strongly condemn the Israeli army's annihilation of journalism and the freedom to access information in Gaza." The organization urged nations and international bodies to increase pressure on Israel to halt this massacre immediately.



## The Martyred Journalist Ayman Al-Rafati: An Israeli Missile Against the Palestinian Word

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

On Wednesday, February 14, 2024, the journalist and political analyst Dr. Ayman Al-Rafati wrote the last article of his life, titled “What Has the Israeli Army Lost in Al-Aqsa Flood?” Just a few hours later, local media outlets reported his assassination in an Israeli airstrike that directly targeted him at his home in Gaza City.

The article, published by Al-Mayadeen Net, discussed the political, military, and moral losses suffered by the Israeli army during its aggression on Gaza. Israel relentlessly targets anyone who writes or speaks about such issues, whether they are Palestinian, Israeli, or even foreign journalists.

Hours before his assassination, Al-Rafati appeared in his last television interview on Al-Jazeera, where he accused Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of stalling a prisoner exchange deal with Hamas, attributing this delay to personal political interests.

Dr. Ayman Al-Rafati was martyred in the afternoon of February 14, 2024, in an Israeli airstrike that targeted his home on Al-Jalaa Street in Gaza City. Five members of his family were also killed in the strike, including his brother, his brother’s wife, and their children.

Dr. Ayman earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism and media from the Islamic University of Gaza and a master’s degree in political science from the same institution. He later obtained a PhD in political science and international relations from universities in Lebanon.



Since 2017, Dr. Ayman served as a board member of the Regional Studies Center in Gaza until his assassination. He also worked as a correspondent for Quds Press International between 2010 and 2014 and as an editor for Maan News Agency in 2008.

Dr. Ayman Al-Rafati was widely known as a writer and analyst on Israeli affairs, frequently appearing on local and Arab television networks, especially Al-Jazeera and Al-Mayadeen.

He was also a vocal critic of normalization with Israel and an ardent supporter of Palestinian resistance in all its forms against the occupation.

As a digital content creator, Dr. Ayman joined Facebook in April 2008, using the platform to share his political insights.

Since the onset of the war on Gaza, the martyr Dr. Ayman remained in Gaza City, steadfastly refusing to evacuate despite the Israeli army's orders to the residents. Al-Rafati residential area on Al-Jalaa Street was targeted multiple times; however, he demonstrated immense determination to continue his media appearances and political writing about the war in Gaza. The martyr Al-Rafati embodied a frontline of awareness during the war on Gaza, debunking the Israeli narrative through his writings, which continued unabated until the very last moments of his life.

Dr. Ayman's assassination shocked those who knew him, and many journalists mourned his death on social media platforms.

News anchor Khadija Benguena shared a post on Facebook, saying: "The tragedies keep coming. Yesterday, he appeared on air with me in what would be his last interview before his martyrdom today. May God have mercy on the writer and political analyst Ayman Al-Rafati."

The journalist Mohammad Mansour mourned his friend Ayman Al-Rafati on a Facebook post, stating, "I have known Ayman Al-Rafati for over twenty years. Suddenly, I realized that every moment of happiness I experienced in Gaza was shared with Ayman by my side, a partner in that joy. During every moment of sorrow, Ayman was there, offering support and comfort, reassuring me with a pat on the shoulder. Every day presented us with two choices, with no third option: either he was with me, or I was with him."

He continued: "Even before I left Gaza in 2018, Ayman was the last friend to

bid me farewell, staying at my house until the very end. Isn't this what true, loyal friends do? I jokingly told him, 'Imagine, I'm finally getting a break from you!' and he replied, 'I'm the one who'll be relieved from you.' We said our goodbyes with burning tears that my eyes still remember.

He continued: "Even before I left Gaza in 2018, Ayman was the last friend to bid me farewell, staying at my house until the very end. Isn't this what true, loyal friends do? I jokingly told him, 'Imagine, I'm finally getting a break from you!' and he replied, 'I'm the one who'll be relieved from you.' We said our goodbyes with burning tears that my eyes still remember."

The best brother, the best friend, the most trustworthy advisor. Rest in peace, my dear friend. I wept for you with tears of blood. May God grant me patience for this loss, such a painful loss!"



## The Martyred Journalist Musab Abu Zaid: The War Machine Silenced the Voice of the Broadcaster and Followed Him to His Home

**By: Yahya Al-Yaqoubi**

Musab Abu Zaid had a voice that resonated across the radio waves, allowing him to host religious and national programs for many years on Quran Radio in Gaza. He chose to present religious programs that reached listeners and instilled the teachings of Islam by hosting scholars and academics. His shows aimed to protect Palestinian society from external ideological influences through various awareness campaigns.

On February 15, 2024, Musab Abu Zaid fell asleep with his family as Israeli aggression on Gaza continued. He tried to calm his children's fears, but as the shelling drew closer to their home, the cries of his terrified children grew louder and they couldn't sleep.

Their father's embrace was not enough to protect them when their home collapsed under an Israeli missile, burying them beneath the rubble. No one survived. Musab, along with his children Amir and Hoor, his mother, and his sister Aya, were martyred. His brother Zaid, the director of Quran Radio, was also killed along with his wife and children. Earlier, another strike claimed the lives of his two other brothers, Bilal and Omar, along with Omar's wife and son Hamza, erasing the entire family from the civil registry.

Musab Abu Zaid was an ambitious young man and a graduate of journalism and media from the Islamic University. He had loved radio since childhood, participating in school radio segments and emceeing numerous events, which revealed his talent for broadcasting.

His friend, journalist Ayman Awad, described Musab as “a soldier of Palestinian journalism.” Awad emphasized Musab’s commitment to journalism and the clear impact he left on the programs he produced. “Musab and I were friends since he was a student. He was well-prepared for journalistic work, especially in radio editing, and he had a unique touch in Islamic and national nasheed (Islamic songs). He was calm by nature, beloved by everyone, always seeking to win people’s hearts and excel in his work.”

According to Awad, Musab began his radio career in 2014, leaving a significant mark on several programs, including entertainment and youth shows. He worked to strengthen relationships between the radio station and active civil society organizations.

Reflecting on Musab’s tragic end, Awad’s voice filled with sorrow: “Musab stayed with his family, feeling secure, but the war machine struck his safe home, killing him and his family, erasing them from the civil registry. We pray that the legacy he leaves will be passed down through generations.”

Musab’s distinguished media career included roles as a journalist for Sabaq News for two years, a presenter and producer at Hawa Radio, and programs anchor for Quran Radio. He also left a notable legacy in voice-over work at the Audiobook Institute.

Beyond radio, Musab had a talent for nasheed (Islamic songs), joining “Watani” group to sing Islamic songs. He passed away, taking with him the soft voice that sang for Palestine—a voice filled with love for his homeland and used as a weapon to defend his faith and just cause.



## The Martyred Journalist Zaid Abu Zayed: Quran Radio Mourns the Loss of Its Director

**By: Yahya Al-Yaqoubi**

In the vast garden of their home in Al- Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza, under the shade of the trees, the family of Hajjah Ibtisam Abu Zaid gathered. Her two journalist sons, Musab and Zaid, along with Zaid's wife, their children, and their sister Aya, reunited after over a month of displacement in Rafah. Despite owning a large house, the family had endured much suffering.

Before 2:00 PM on February 15, 2024, the sky over the camp was shaken by a violent explosion, the shockwaves reached the heart of "Musab's" wife, who had sent their children with their father to visit their grandmother. The waves of tragedy and shock intensified as news emerged of the family home being targeted without warning. The toll was devastating: ten martyrs, including our story's hero, journalist Zaid Abu Zayed, along with his wife Sajida and their two children, Muhammad and Ghaith.

Musab's wife recounted the events with deep sorrow: "They were enjoying a family gathering in their garden when the explosion occurred. I heard it but never imagined it would strike our family. All of them suffered head injuries, resulting in internal bleeding, but their bodies were intact because they were not inside the house."

The airstrike claimed the lives of Hajjah "Um Bilal," her daughter Aya, her son Zaid, his wife and children, as well as Musab and his two children, Amir and Hoor. What began as a joyful family reunion ended with their home and garden reduced to rubble, bearing witness to a horrific genocide.

Describing Zaid, Musab's wife shared that he was "kind and helpful,

with a heart as gentle as a bird's. He adored his children, and from the beginning of the war on Gaza, he fasted every day except Friday. He died fasting, alongside his mother."

Zaid joined the media field at the beginning of his academic journey, leveraging his beautiful voice and political and cultural knowledge, even though he graduated in Sharia and Law. He served as a program presenter at Al-Kitab TV and worked as a news anchor, gaining valuable media experience that allowed him to carve out a niche for himself in the media landscape. His name began to rise among journalists, establishing him as a prominent figure in the field.

Zaid's ambition did not wane with the closure of Al-Kitab TV; he continued to pursue his passion for broadcasting by working as a presenter at Al Quran Radio affiliated with the Islamic University. He was among the first presenters there and hosted various programs. His dedication to honing his skills led to a series of successes, culminating in his appointment as the editor-in-chief and head of the programs department.

As part of a media delegation, Zaid was sent to cover Al Hajj season in 2014, representing the radio station. He played a remarkable role in conveying the experiences of the pilgrims and living their journey closely. Zaid returned to the Gaza Strip having fulfilled the religious rites he had long desired to experience.

Zaid possessed strong leadership skills and had significant academic ambitions, earning both a master's and a doctorate. He advanced in his media career and took on the role of director of Quran Radio, where he left a mark by developing diverse programming courses, including religious, educational, cultural, and political content.

His colleague, Ayman Awad, describes him as "a significant influence in the field of Palestinian media," noting that he possessed high moral standards in his personal interactions with others.

"What happened with the targeting of the family and their complete annihilation reflects the brutality of the occupation. Zaid and his brothers posed no threat to the occupation; he was dedicated to his media work and was a Quran reader, sought after by every mosque during Ramadan to lead the congregation in Taraweeh prayers," he concluded, his voice heavy with grief.



## The Martyred Journalist Ihab Nasrallah: Parents Martyred, Children Wounded

**By: Yahya Al-Yaqoubi**

Journalist Ihab Nasrallah rejected the idea of displacement from Gaza City, enduring the hardships and harsh realities of life in the city for about four and a half months. He clung to his home in Al Zeitoun neighborhood.

Balancing the need to provide for his family—securing water and food—with his journalistic responsibilities, Nasrallah adapted to the dire conditions that mirrored the struggles faced by his fellow citizens. The burdens of life did not distract him from his journalistic mission; he remained dedicated to his work until his last breath.

On the evening of February 21, 2024, journalist Nasrallah, who worked for Al-Aqsa TV, was covering the Israeli invasion of the Zeitoun neighborhood and documenting the numerous crimes and massacres committed against its residents. The occupation had him in its crosshairs, attempting to silence the truth and obscure the realities of the invasion by targeting Nasrallah's apartment.

Nasrallah and his wife were martyred in the attack, with medical teams unable to retrieve her body from the streets for three days. Three of their children suffered severe burns and were taken to Al-Shifa Hospital, where their father's body was laid to rest in a corner of the facility, while his children were receiving treatment on hospital beds.

Journalists buried their colleague Nasrallah as they had done for dozens of other martyrs, renewing their pledge to continue coverage and expose

the crimes of the Israeli occupation, despite all the violations committed against Palestinian journalists.

Ihab Nasrallah worked for ten years at Al-Aqsa TV, participating in the coverage of major events and activities, with his last assignment being the ongoing Israeli aggression.

Journalist Imad Zaqout noted that “the Israeli occupation deliberately targeted Nasrallah because of his continuous coverage of the events in Al-Zaytoun. He was reporting around the clock, documenting the Israeli invasion. His apartment was targeted in a horrific crime, one of the painful stories we documented during the war. His children suffered severe burns and are receiving treatment at Al-Shifa Hospital.”

Zaqout, who serves as the director of Al-Aqsa Radio, worked closely with Nasrallah and described him as “devoted to his cause, loving his work and profession, and staying committed to it until his last breath. He was a colleague known for his competence and professionalism, loved by all who knew him. Our friendship spanned over ten years, and today we deeply mourn his loss,” he added.

With the martyrdom of Ihab Nasrallah, Al-Aqsa Media Network, where he worked, lost over 19 martyrs during the ongoing Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip, most of whom were martyred alongside their families.





## The Martyred Journalist Mohammed Yaghi: A Documentary Cut Short by Israeli Violence

**By: Yahya Al-Yaqoubi**

As the evening fell, an alert came through about an Israeli airstrike that hit Yaghi family home in Deir Al-Balah, central Gaza. Photojournalist Mohammed Abed, stationed at the Martyrs of Al-Aqsa Hospital, rushed to document the Israeli crime.

Abed did not hesitate to reach the targeted location and document the massacre in which several members of Yaghi family were martyred. However, this time he did not just take photos and leave; he stayed behind searching for his friend, the photographer Mohamed Yaghi, known as “Abu Tishreen.” The civil defense teams eventually recovered his wife, and the following day, they retrieved his daughter, “Ayloul.”

Since 2008, the media profession has brought together colleagues Abed and Yaghi, capturing images of the Israeli wars on the Gaza Strip, along with their consequences and impacts on the citizens. Over the years, they have grown to become close friends.

The day before the attack, the two friends met inside the hospital, and Yaghi’s presence surprised his colleague Abed. Abed remarked, “This area is classified as dangerous; if I were you, I’d stay in Rafah.” To which Yaghi replied, “No, my friend, everyone has returned, and the neighborhood is full. We’re with my relatives in the same house.”

Abed recalls the last moments with his colleague: “He surprised us by coming to the journalists’ tent at Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital, joking with us, ‘Sleeping until 8 won’t earn you a living. Instead of sitting around, get

up and get to work!”

He added, with his voice filled with sorrow, “We woke up and had breakfast together. By noon, he left, bought a soccer ball for his daughter, Ayloul, played with her, and then left the hospital. The alert came at 10:45 p.m.”

He continued, “I was shocked by the news, and we actually went to look for him, not to cover the story. We confirmed his martyrdom on January 23, 2024, when they brought out his wife as a martyr, and the next morning, they brought out his daughter. Even now, they still haven’t been able to recover his body.”

His words were accompanied by a sense of sorrow: “It’s a loss for Palestinian media to lose a young man with the dedication, competence, and ethics of Mohammed. He was known for his calm demeanor and strong connection to his family and his cause. He loved to focus on impactful human stories, and during the war, he covered events in all the places people fled to, especially in Deir al-Balah, then in Rafah, and previously in Gaza City.”

Yagi was distinguished by his freelance work with various media organizations, including Agence France-Presse (AFP). Recently, he was working on a film highlighting the suffering of the Palestinian people and the deliberate targeting of civilians in their homes by the occupation. He never realized that he would become a victim of the very issue he was documenting.

“Come on, boys, let’s go together!” Those words from Yagi still resonate in Abed’s memory, urging them to cover and document the violations of the occupation each time.



## **The Martyred Journalist Mohammed Salameh: the friend of the microphone and the owner of a unique radio voice**

**By: Yahya Al-Yaqoubi**

Listeners knew his voice more than his name. Mohammed Salameh, the journalist at Al-Aqsa Radio and TV, had a distinctive, calm, and poised voice that stood out among his peers. His golden voice became synonymous with the struggles and wars experienced by the Palestinian people.

With each Israeli assault on Gaza, Salameh would declare a state of emergency, spending entire days away from his family to dedicate himself to broadcasting updates, covering news, and keeping his audience informed.

Radio stations, particularly during times of war, became essential sources of information, motivating and uplifting the spirits of the Palestinian people. For this reason, radio stations—despite often being targets of Israeli airstrikes—remained crucial, with news anchors like Salameh being regarded as “martyrs behind the microphone.”

Since the first war on Gaza in 2008, Salameh knew that martyrdom was a possibility. Despite international laws protecting journalists, Israel’s continued targeting of media workers proved otherwise.

Salama realized from the first war waged by the occupation on Gaza in 2008 that he could become a martyr in any war, and that the human rights laws guaranteeing freedom of the press were merely ink on paper, given the continued targeting of journalists by the occupation.

Salameh worked for Al-Aqsa Radio before transitioning to the television

side, presenting programs and segments.

Martyr Muhammad Salama worked at Al-Aqsa Radio and then moved to the TV channel, where he hosted a number of programs and segments. Following the news of his martyrdom, many Gazans and Palestinians who were accustomed to following him on “Al-Aqsa” screen mourned his passing.

On the evening of March 6, 2024, Salameh was martyred, along with several family members, in an Israeli airstrike on Deir al-Balah, central Gaza.

Covered in blood and remains, Salameh’s colleagues and family members laid his body to rest, placing his press badge atop his casket, a reminder to the world of the dangers Palestinian journalists face daily. His death brought the number of journalists killed during Israel’s latest war on Gaza to 133.

Mohammed Quraiqa, a fellow journalist at Al-Aqsa TV, expressed his grief: “Salameh was one of the standout radio and television anchors. He had a 13-year career on the radio, and his voice was beloved by many, both in Gaza and beyond. His voice was unique—distinguished by its warmth, calm, and depth.”

Though Salameh moved to television a year ago, he always spoke about his passion for the radio. Quraiqa added, “He missed the microphone, returning to it periodically, saying he couldn’t break the long-standing bond he had with it.”

Quraiqa described his colleague Salama as an ambitious individual who fought for his aspirations; he did not want to be just a passing number but aimed to hold a prominent position. He was always in demand for recordings by various companies and channels, whether Arab or local, and was often specifically requested due to his “unique voice and status.”

According to his colleague, the martyr Salama was also known for the depth of his questioning, with inquiries that impressed guests due to their profound nature, making him a model in radio journalism. People recognized him by his voice, which was the same at home and everywhere else. He captured the affection of his people with his cheerful spirit, smile, kindness, and pure character.

Sadness accompanies Qariqa’s voice: “He had a passport and would tell

his colleagues that he wanted to travel, but perhaps he didn't realize that the journey would lead to another destination."

On May 14, 2021, Muhammad Salama mourned his sister Manar and her daughter Lina, who were martyred in an Israeli bombing during the aggression on Gaza. He often posted about her with words tinged with sadness. Prior to that, he mourned his friend, broadcaster Youssef Abu Hassanein, saying, 'I don't know how to divide the sadness between you and my sister.' He wrote about the loss of his sister: 'I lost a sister whom I never felt needed my support or backing. In truth, she was like a brother and a pillar of strength. She always competed with me in different situations to be in the forefront. I don't recall her ever failing to take her of her family and sisters.'

Followers of Salameh on social media expressed their shock and sorrow. One user on X wrote: "I used to watch him on TV in a program about Israeli newspapers, and I loved his voice, his demeanor, and his character. He felt like a friend through the screen—like part of the family. I've been in shock and silence since I heard the news. May God reunite us with our loved ones in paradise."



## The Martyred Journalist Mohammad Al-Rifi: Fell While Documenting the “Flour Massacre”

**By: Yahya Al-Yaqoubi**

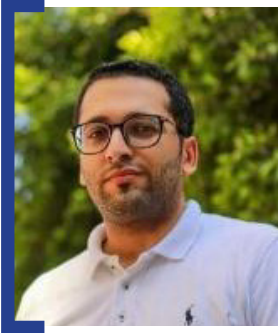
On the evening of March 14, 2024, photographer Mohammad Al-Rifi went to Kuwait Roundabout on Salah Al-Din Street, east of Gaza City. It was a place where citizens gathered, waiting for flour trucks, and he aimed to document the event while also securing flour for his family.

In the cold night, Al-Rifi and the people tried to stay hidden from the eyes of Israeli snipers and tanks by taking cover in a dirt hole, while some sought shelter inside a residential building. However, Israeli drones and helicopters were monitoring their movements, preparing for a brutal massacre. More than 20 people were martyred, and about 155 others were injured when Israeli fire rained down on Al-Rifi and the civilians, leading to his death.

Just hours before the massacre, Al-Rifi mourned his friend, photographer Abd Al-Rahman Saima, posting on WhatsApp a status that reads: “You are blessed with martyrdom. There is no power or strength except with God.” Little did he know that he would soon join him in martyrdom, as his friends mourned him in a somber morning, as he joined Saima and a group of martyred journalists. Al-Rifi began his photography career in 2010, quickly developing his skills. Over the span of 14 years, he earned several local and Arab awards in photography, excelling in documentary work and freelancing for international organizations. His friend, journalist and photographer Mohammad Zarandah, described him as “one of the first people I got to know during my time in Gaza, and our friendship lasted until the hours before his martyrdom, when he mourned our

friend, Abd Al-Rahman Saima. I spoke with him to check on how he was doing.” Recalling fond memories, Zarandah said, “Even during my visit to Gaza, we would go out together, and he would accompany me to the markets. During my last visit, he brought his camera and asked me to join him on a photography tour in the market. We were always side by side until we became busy, and I traveled outside the strip. I knew him as a loyal friend, calm and graceful in his manner.” Al-Rifi had a talent for capturing unique shots, Zarandah noted, “In any photography tour, whether documenting historical landmarks or natural scenery to showcase Palestinian heritage to the outside world, or capturing everyday life in various markets in Gaza, he always sought to be distinctive.” He reminisces, “I remember that during a local photography competition, which had three options, one of which required being present for 12 hours, I chose to shoot for 4 hours. However, he opted for the full 12 hours, the longest duration in the competition, and he won first place. He was always looking for excellence after putting in the effort.”

Al-Rifi had previously worked in the UAE for a year and was looking to work outside Gaza again, but little did he know that his final destination would be different, as the Israeli occupation cut short his ambitions by shooting him. His camera remained as a witness to the long life of a promising Palestinian photographer. “Genocide is happening in Gaza. Have mercy on us, O Lord,” Al-Rifi wrote on his Facebook page on October 9, 2023. He frequently posted in English, addressing the world about the water and electricity crisis. His suffering intensified like that of many who remained steadfast in Gaza, struggling to secure flour for their homes. He chose a “dangerous adventure,” where he was closer to death, preferring it over dying “slowly” as starvation loomed over Gaza and his home. Last year, Al-Rifi organized a photo exhibition showcasing the beauty of the besieged Gaza Strip at the historical house of Al-Ghusein in Gaza’s old city. In a video interview about the exhibition, he said, “We aimed to document multiple aspects to showcase Gaza’s beauty, so the world can see that our country is beautiful, filled with life and peace. We wanted to break the stereotypical image of Gaza portrayed to the world.”



## The Martyred Journalist Abd Al-Rahman Saima: A Journalist Who Took His Last Breath in Front of His Child

**By: Yahya Al-Ya'qoubi**

“He took his last breaths right in front of my eyes, and my son ‘Ali’ kept asking me, ‘Is Dad alive? Is he breathing?’ This is how the child ‘Ali’ lived the shock as he watched his father, the journalist and photographer Abdul Rahman Saima, breathe his last moments, after the occupation bombed a building next to their home in Khan Younis, injuring him with shrapnel to the head, which led to his martyrdom on March 14, 2024,” his friend Muhammad Khalaf recounts in a comment on a memorial post for his friend.

Abd Al-Rahman Saima worked as a video cameraman at Mashareq Media Production Company, and later freelanced for various media institutions and companies. He was ambitious, born in Saudi Arabia, but moved to Gaza to live on its soil and ultimately be buried beneath it. He was married and a father of four children, including twins, who witnessed the heartbreaking scene of his martyrdom as he sat among them.

His friend Suhaib Abu Hasna describes him as “a very calm person and a true friend to everyone who knew him, easy to get along with, and someone who would stand as a man in any situation. His calmness made everyone enjoy talking to him because he loved to listen more than he talked.” Abu Hasna added, “He was very dutiful to his parents. Before his mother passed away, he was the one who took care of her at the hospital and slept by her side. He was very self-respecting, and when I offered to help him, he would refuse because he never asked anything from anyone.” Regarding his love for his profession, Abu Hasna said that Abd



Al-Rahman was “a truly creative photographer.” His passion for photography was something Suhaib witnessed firsthand. “I worked with him, and I always liked bringing him on to my projects because he was dedicated to completing his tasks quickly and perfectly.”

Abd Al-Rahman’s passion was not limited to photography; it extended to his love for football, watching matches, and analyzing them, as he educated himself about the sport. He was also passionate about art, cinema, and fully immersed in everything around him, embracing life and deeply connected to his Palestinian national cause.

In 2018, Abd Al-Rahman discovered that his friend Mu’tasim Zaqout had talents in writing and presenting, so he suggested starting a YouTube channel together.

The idea that sparked in Abdul Rahman’s mind and impressed his friend was more than just a thought. Zaqout recalls: ‘He took it upon himself to film the episodes and edit them for free. He even taught me some technical and directing skills and provided me with advice on the types of episodes I could shoot.’”

Reflecting on that beginning, Zaqout continues: “When I started filming, I faced challenges, but he stood by my side. He would film me, choose the necessary studio for recording, and refused to accept any payment. I later realized that this was not just with me—he treated anyone starting a project in the same way, offering help without expecting anything in return.”

He added, “He felt he had a moral responsibility and a generosity from God that he wouldn’t withhold from others.”

On February 1, 2024, Abdul Rahman posted a message mourning his journalist colleague Haitham Nabahin for the martyrdom of his two children, Muhammad and Layan, and his sister in an Israeli bombing. He did not know that he would become a martyr himself a month and a half later, prompting his friends to mourn him. His friend Zaqout wrote in his tribute on Facebook: “How can I gather words and arrange them to mourn the cleanest and purest young man I have ever known in my life? He encouraged me to establish the channel, always committed to his prayers.”



## **The Martyred Journalist Mohammad Adel Abu Sukheil: He Took Refuge in Al-Shifa Hospital and Was Buried There**

**By: Yahya Al-Ya'qoubi**

When the genocidal war began, launched by the Israeli occupation on Gaza, the home of 23-year-old journalist Mohammad Adel Abu Sukheil was destroyed. He, along with his family, sought refuge in Al-Shifa Hospital, experiencing the harsh realities of displacement firsthand.

Abu-Sukheil, who headed the editing department at Shams News Agency and managed the New Media section, faced difficulties in continuing his work. Israeli occupation forces had cut off electricity, leading to a loss of internet and a halt in Palestinian media operations. Despite these challenges, Mohammad worked intermittently whenever internet and communications were available.

On March 18, 2024, at 2 a.m., Israeli special forces, backed by military vehicles, drones, and warplanes, stormed Al-Shifa Hospital, executing refugees and medical staff in what became known as “Al-Shifa Massacre.” Mohammad, who was in the surgery ward building, was shot and killed, marking the tragic end of a young journalist’s promising future.

His death remained unknown to his colleagues at Shams News and his family until the Israeli forces withdrew from the hospital on April 1, 2024. His body was found on the first floor of the surgery building, emitting the “scent of musk.” He was buried in the grounds of the hospital where he had sought refuge, and his body remains as a testament to the massacre that claimed the lives of more than 400 citizens executed by Israeli forces inside the hospital and its surroundings.

Mohammad had an early awareness of the threat of genocide against the Palestinian people, even before the war started. On March 9, 2023,

he posted a quote from Fathi Shaqaqi, the founder of the Islamic Jihad Movement, on his Facebook page: "It is an imposed war of extermination, and it is a disgrace for us to fight it divided. Either we all rise together, or they will kill us one by one."

His colleague, Matar Al-Zaq, described Mohammad as "a man of high morals," known for his calm demeanor and respect for his elders. He was an ambitious young man, dedicated to improving his agency and advancing its reach.

Al-Zaq said, "He would come to his office at the agency and work diligently. He was responsible for the visual presentation of Shams News to the world through his work in photos, designs, videos, and infographics. He also oversaw social media and regularly produced media content on various issues."

Although the standard workday at the agency required eight hours, Mohammad often stayed longer to ensure Shams News maintained a polished and appealing appearance.

Zaqout added, "Muhammad had a high level of competence and great skill in his work. He had a specific style in producing photos and videos, to the extent that anyone who saw them would know they were produced by the agency and crafted by his hands."

He continued, "He had a vision for developing the work by keeping up with social media platforms. He was exceptional in his work, and although he could only communicate with us intermittently, rather than regularly, due to the difficulty of accessing the internet."

Reflecting on their last interaction, Al-Zaq said, "Mohammad was at Al-Shifa Hospital, and I was at Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in Deir Al-Balah. He called me with a smile in his voice, urging us to keep up the work and maintain continuous output."

Mohammad began his media career in 2021 when he joined Shams News Agency, bringing with him dreams and ambitions to grow in the media field. He was attentive to guidance from the management and his more experienced colleagues, and he took feedback to heart, leaving a special mark on Shams News.

His dreams were not confined within the walls of the agency; he was also planning on a personal level to get married and start a Palestinian family. He had finished preparing his apartment and was about to get married, had it not been for the war that took everything away, killing the dreams of youth for life and travel, including Muhammad.



## The Martyred Journalist Mohamed Al-Sayed Abu Sukheil: The Eye and Heartbeat of “Al-Quds” for the Love of Palestine

**By: Yahya Al-Ya’qoubi**

Behind the radio microphone, his voice resonated with love for Palestine. He dedicated all his time to showcasing the plight of his people without weariness or fatigue. He remained committed to his work, documenting the suffering when he and his family were displaced from their home in “Tel Al-Hawa” neighborhood in southern Gaza City to Al-Shifa Hospital after their house was destroyed. He was the voice and eye of “Al-Quds Radio,” where he worked.

Mohamed Abu Sukheil was a witness to the Israeli army’s storming of Al-Shifa Hospital in the early hours of March 18, 2024, when a large number of military vehicles and special forces raided the complex, executing more than 400 displaced persons and patients. He was martyred during this raid, unable to deliver his final message about the massacres he had witnessed.

Abu Sukheil studied Arabic language, and after graduating, he began working at “Al-Isra Radio,” hosting educational programs. He then moved to “Al-Quds Radio” as a presenter and editor in 2019. He was dedicated to promoting the Palestinian narrative and reinforcing it, especially in the face of Israel’s attempts to distort facts through false narratives. In his radio work, he was known for being a diligent employee, often choosing the toughest shifts, especially during the night when Israeli assaults on Gaza were frequent. The proximity of his home in Tel Al-Hawa to the radio station helped him manage this challenging schedule.

His former colleague at the radio, Osama Al-Dahdouh, who now works at “Palestine Today TV,” said, “Abu Sukheil was not only a well-known presenter with a recognizable voice, but he was also an excellent interviewer, prioritizing national interests over any personal or organizational affiliations.”

Al-Dahdouh and Abu Sukheil’s friendship began long before they worked together at the radio station. They were neighbors in the same area, becoming close friends in 2015. He added, “Mohamed was a close friend, a role model for Muslim youth, always presenting himself with refined manners and ideas, always uniting for the greater good of Palestine.”

Abu Sukheil did not stop at his university education; his ambition led him to earn a master’s degree in journalism just six months before the genocide war on Gaza began on October 7, 2023. This achievement made his presence even more distinguished and added further skills to his media expertise. Mohamed was married to fellow radio presenter Inas Abu Shanab, and together they built a small family, with two daughters. He was the eldest son in his family, which has a significant history of struggle; his father was imprisoned by the Israeli occupation, and his brother Tariq, who worked at the same radio station, was martyred beside him when Israeli soldiers executed them during the storming of Al-Shifa Hospital.

In addition to their excellence in the field of media work, Abu Sukheil was distinguished by his community and social work, and according to his friend Al-Dahdouh, he would initiate ideas and proposals that uplift the community.

Since the beginning of the Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip, Muhammad Al-Sayed Abu Sukheil dedicated himself to continuous news coverage around the clock at the Voice of Jerusalem radio station, which enjoys wide viewership across the region. The challenges facing Palestinian media in delivering their message increased with Israeli strikes targeting Palestinian media outlets and the depletion of fuel causing many stations to go off the air. The destruction of Al Shawa and Hosari building, from which Al-Quds Radio broadcasted, intensified these challenges. This placed even greater responsibility on Abu Sukheil, who continued to deliver his message from inside Al-Shifa Hospital, documenting the suffering of the displaced and the crimes of the occupation, until his last breath.

The director of the radio station, Raed Obeid, said, “Mohamed had great ambition; he didn’t limit himself to just working in the editing department at the radio station but also worked as a presenter and program host. He was always keen on developing his journalistic and professional skills, loved his profession despite the job’s burdens that required night shifts, and never complained about any tasks or assignments given to him.”

Obeid added, “Mohamed was committed to his national cause. He lived in Al-Shati refugee camp, and his journalistic profession helped him fulfill the message of his people and their cause. During the war, he worked alongside his colleagues at the radio station for a month and a half, until the station went off the air after the building was bombed, leading him to work with other news agencies.” Obeid recalls that two years ago, when Mohamed’s younger brother Tariq applied for a position as a digital editor in the radio station’s digital media department, Mohamed did not interfere with the administration to secure the job for his brother, leaving it to the results of the competition. Tariq ended up getting the job, and Mohamed could not hide his happiness.



## **The Martyred Journalist Bassam Hassouna: The Army Blew Up His House and Burned His Body During the Explosion**

**By: Yahya Al-Ya'qubi**

“Remaining in Gaza, with the hope that the coming days will bring goodness and peace.” These were the words that the journalist and writer Bassam Hassouna posted accompanied with a photo of himself on the beach on his personal Facebook page, expressing his attachment to the city of Gaza on February 27, 2024. He rejected the idea of displacement and endured suffering, fear, and hunger in order to stay among its streets.

With the Israeli siege of Al-Shifa Hospital during a sudden assault in the second week of March 2024, Hassouna, along with around 50 family members, including his four children, did not escape the siege. The invasion of the hospital, the bombing of buildings within it, and the shelling of surrounding homes led to a state of fear and terror. They were unable to sleep, nor did they have food or water.

As the shelling and sniping intensified, death loomed near for Hassouna and his family. While attempting to enter his home, a shrapnel from a shell fired by the Israeli forces hit his head, killing him instantly on March 20, 2024, as his brother Ghassan Hassouna recounted. For three days, his children watched their father's body lying motionless in front of them. They couldn't bury him, and he remained lifeless before them, the laughter gone, as they refused to leave him unburied.

His brother Ghassan said, “When the Israeli army stormed the house, they were surprised that the family was still alive. They had expected ev-

everyone to die. The soldiers took the women and children out but left my brother's body at the entrance of the house. The Israeli army then blew up and burned the house, with his body still inside."

Journalist Hassouna specialized in prisoner issues and was a member of the central committee of the Palestinian Democratic Union (Fida). He also served as its media spokesperson and was a member of the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate. His writings and articles always sided with the prisoners' cause, having been imprisoned himself for a year and a half in the 1990s. He was the father of four children: Aya (21 years), Mohammad (18 years), Dana (17 years), and Omar (13 years).

As his brother mentioned, Hassouna was committed to attending the weekly sit-in for the families of prisoners every Monday in front of the Red Cross and represented the Fida party in the Prisoners' Forces Committee.

Journalist Hanan Al-Rifi, who worked closely with Hassouna for 15 years, said of him, "He wasn't just a colleague; he was a brother to me. He always encouraged me to improve myself. We shared life's details, and one of the last funny moments I had with him was when he bought me a lantern every Ramadan. This year, he called me and said, 'I bought you a lantern and kept it for you.'" Bassem's personality was simple, and he was always well-educated and knowledgeable. He was also always elegantly dressed, but Al Rifi knew other aspects of his life: "He was loved by everyone; all who knew him wept upon learning of his martyrdom, and he was always helpful to everyone."

Through books and a pen, Hassouna combined journalism and culture, working as a journalist both with and outside of Fida party. He specialized in writing opinion pieces, focusing on prisoners' issues. He frequently appeared on various media platforms, choosing to dedicate his media work to the prisoners' cause.

Hassouna earned a diploma, a bachelor's degree, and a master's degree in media, and he had plans to pursue a Ph.D., having already registered at Mansoura University. However, the occupation that took his life cut short his long journey of defending his cause and supporting prisoners. His life ended in a brutal manner—first with his killing, which left his body unburied, and then through the explosion and destruction of his home, which consumed his remains.





## The Martyred Journalist Mahmoud Issa: A Family's Collective Departure

**By: Yahya Al-Ya'qubi**

Since its establishment in 2019, Mahmoud Issa has emerged as a prominent journalist on Quds Today, particularly in the realm of Islamic programming within Palestinian visual media. He focused on “moral education,” with his episodes dedicated to reinforcing concepts, values, and ethics that emphasize patience. During Ramadan evenings, he intensified his programming, creating a special space for these important discussions.

With a deep and comprehensive understanding of various jurisprudential topics, bolstered by his doctorate in Hadith, and having previously served as a skilled imam and eloquent speaker, Mahmoud Issa graced the viewers of the channel with his presence. His episodes and programs offered insightful explanations of the ethics of Islamic jurisprudence and various acts of worship, presented in the form of sermons that instill noble values of the true Islamic faith in the hearts of people. He spoke about the virtues of steadfastness, patience, and the exemplary conduct of the Prophet Muhammad in his interactions with his wives, fellow Muslims, as well as Jews and non-believers.

His episodes gained significant traction, particularly on social media, marking a transformative moment in Palestinian media, which often lacks a focus on “moral education.” The popularity of his programs was enhanced by his mastery of language, his adept management of the discussions, and the insightful questions he addressed, all of which reflected extensive preparation and a deep understanding of the topics covered before each episode. On March 20, 2024, Issa's final episode was written when he went to sleep for the last time with his parents, wife, and children. Overhead, Israeli aircraft prepared to obliterate this family gathering with their

missiles, wiping the family from the civil registry. In a collective departure, Issa joined nine other journalist martyrs from Al-Quds Today channel. Browsing through his Facebook page reveals posts encouraging patience and expressing his deep faith. On March 10, he shared a prayer welcoming the month of Ramadan: "O Allah, bring it to us with security, faith, peace, and Islam." Issa believed in fate, affirming that everything that happens to people is predetermined and that they will not suffer from anything except what has been decreed for them. He expressed this sentiment in a post on February 16, writing, "And know that if the nation gathered to harm you with something, they would not harm you except with what Allah has written for you. The pens have been lifted, and the pages have dried." This followed a previous post on February 9, where he stated, "Say, 'Nothing will befall us except what Allah has decreed for us. And nothing happens in the kingdom of Allah except what Allah wills.'"

Issa grew up in a committed family with strong values. According to his colleague and director of programs at Al-Quds Today, Mohammad Abu Shawish, Issa stood out from a young age for his good manners with his family, neighbors, and colleagues. He was notably devoted to his parents. Abu Shawish recalls, "We used to watch him teaching his children about religion, with his son accompanying him to the mosque on every occasion. He earned his Ph.D. in Hadith and was a charismatic preacher. Many grieved his loss, as Palestinian media has lost a great asset."

"Mahmoud Issa was known for his dedication, commitment, and generosity. He presented many religious programs, including 'Provisions for the Journey' and 'Glimpses of Light,' as well as the Ramadan evenings that the channel is renowned for featuring across various programs. His words were infused with expressions of pride for the martyr.

Issa's episodes continued throughout the genocidal war launched by the Israeli occupation on Gaza on October 7, 2023. Abu Shawish explained, "We recorded many videos and episodes encouraging people to remain patient, resilient, and steadfast."

Outside the screen and among his colleagues, his coworker observed a person who earned the affection of everyone and left a significant mark. "He had a profound influence on his peers, who held him in high regard. He made it a point to attend all official and social events, ensuring he left a lasting impression on their hearts. While we aim to remain objective and avoid excessive praise, his noble character and remarkable legacy truly speak for themselves in front of the world, and the people of Gaza can attest to this."



## The Martyred Journalist Tareq Abu Sukheil: A Witness to Al-Shifa Hospital Massacre

**By: Ahmed Abu Qamar**

The horrific crime at Al-Shifa Hospital, located west of Gaza City, laid bare the brutal reality of the Israeli occupation. The aftermath was devastating, as if a massive earthquake had ravaged the area, leaving behind utter destruction and chaos.

Al-Shifa Hospital, once the most vital medical complex in Gaza and a hub for journalists covering the war, has been reduced to a grim landscape of rubble and charred buildings, shrouded in darkness.

Journalists were not spared in this massacre. Alongside the arrest of dozens during the storming of Al-Shifa Hospital at the end of March 2024, several were martyred, including Tareq Al-Sayed Abu Sukheil, a 29-year-old journalist from Tal Al-Hawa, southwest of Gaza City. Tareq worked as a digital editor for Sawt Al-Quds radio station. He was executed in cold blood by Israeli occupation forces on March 22, 2024, just two days after his brother, journalist Mohammed, was also martyred.

The Government Media Office mourned the loss of both journalists, Tareq and Mohammed Abu Sukheil, who were killed during Al-Shifa Hospital massacre and worked for Sawt Al-Quds radio.

The Government Media Office announced that the number of journalist martyrs had risen to 140 with the deaths of the Abu Sukheil brothers since the start of the genocide against Gaza.

Siraj Adnan wrote on his Facebook page: “Our dear brother journalist

Mohammed Abu Sukheil has fallen, followed by his beloved brother Tareq and their cousin, the beloved journalist Mohammed Adel Abu Sukheil. May Allah accept you and make your graves a garden of paradise, dear ones.”

Younes Radwan expressed his sorrow in a Facebook post, mourning Tareq: “With deep sadness and sorrow, we receive the news of the martyrdom of our friend, journalist Tareq Abu Sukheil, just two days after his brother, journalist Mohammed, was martyred in the ongoing siege at Al-Shifa Hospital.”

He added in another post: “I never saw you, with your noble manners, without a smile on your face, even in the few times we met at university. May Allah have mercy on you, my dear friend.”

Journalist Tawfiq Al-Sayed Saleem, head of the Palestinian Journalists’ Forum, also mourned the Abu Sukheil brothers.

In an interview with the Martyred Journalists Documentation Project, he stated, “Today, we bid farewell to two of the knights of journalism in Palestine, Tareq and Mohammed Abu Sukheil, who both martyred while covering the war on Gaza. They never left the field of journalism.”

Sawt Al-Quds radio journalist Khamis Abu Hasira mourned his colleague Tareq, saying, “Today we lose a dear colleague who was martyred in a bloody massacre that spared no one, not even the trees or stones.”

In an interview with the Martyred Journalists Documentation Project, Abu Hasira stated that Tareq and his brother Mohammed remained at Al-Shifa Hospital to cover the events and convey the media message. However, it appears that this did not sit well with the Israeli occupation forces, who executed them in cold blood, despite them wearing press vests. He added that his colleague Tareq had gotten engaged in August and had set his wedding date for just one month after his martyrdom.



## The Martyred Journalist Saher Rayan: He and His Son Paid Their Lives to Save the Wounded

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Journalist Saher Rayan did not stand by idly when his neighbors were hit by a sudden Israeli airstrike. Instead, he rushed to help and try to save them, paying the ultimate price for his bravery—a quality that everyone who knew him attested to.

Saher Rayan and his son, Anas, were martyred on Haidar Abdel Shafi Square in western Gaza City on March 25, 2024, during an Israeli strike as he attempted to rescue the wounded members of the Hamada family.

Saher Akram Rayan was born in Gaza City, where he received his primary and secondary education. He obtained a bachelor's degree in journalism and media in Gaza.

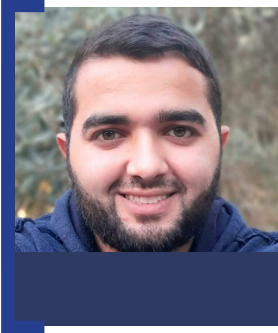
For over 20 years, Rayan worked at the Palestinian news agency WAFA. The agency mourned the loss of one of its long-serving journalists, Rayan. The general supervisor of official media, the head of WAFA's board of directors, Minister Ahmad Assaf, expressed his condolences to the family of the deceased on behalf of himself, the agency's directors, and all staff members, praying that God would grant them comfort and patience.

With Rayan's martyrdom, the number of martyrs from official media organizations since the start of the ongoing Israeli assault on Gaza has risen to seven, along with several family members who were killed in airstrikes on their homes.

The International Federation of Journalists condemned the continued killings and attacks on journalists and called for an immediate investigation into their deaths. In a statement, the federation said, "In these dangerous and challenging conditions, field journalists must take the necessary precautions, wear professional safety equipment, and refrain from covering events without being fully equipped with safety gear provided by their media organizations."

Friends and colleagues of Saher Rayan mourned his loss with deep sorrow. Hatem Musa expressed in a post on Facebook, "A thousand mercies upon you, Saher Rayan (Abu Akram), our dear friend, colleague, and brother, and to his son, Anas. A thousand mercies to you, beloved ones."

Youssef Rayan wrote in his post, "There is no power or strength except with God. The beloved martyrs Saher Akram Rayan (Abu Akram) and his son Anas Akram Rayan, who memorized the Holy Quran, have passed into the mercy of God. May God have mercy on you and make paradise your final abode."



## The Martyred Journalist Abdul Wahab Abu Aoun: The Camera's Companion and the Camp's Mirror

**By: Yahya Al-Ya'qoubi**

Armed with his camera, Abdul Wahab Abu Aoun moved through the alleys of Al-Maghazi refugee camp in central Gaza, documenting the Israeli army's invasion. He captured images of displaced families returning, destroyed homes, and the targeting of the camp and its martyrs. Abdul Wahab became the camp's eyes and mirror to the world, relaying both the news and the images of suffering.

Abdul Wahab played a crucial role in exposing the crimes of the Israeli occupation. He was a brave photographer, often documenting clashes between resistance fighters and the Israeli military. In the pursuit of his work, he was injured, and buildings collapsed around him. On March 30, 2024, his camera, always close to his heart, was silenced by an Israeli strike. The occupation "blinded" his camera, shattering the camp's mirror forever. Growing up in the narrow alleys of the refugee camp, Abdul Wahab lived the harsh realities of displacement, shaping his character and convictions. His love for Palestine was deeply rooted in his heart, reflected in his commitment to documenting life in the camp with his camera. Whether during the war or before, he was constantly recording the events and daily realities of his people.

From a young age, Abdul Wahab had a passion for photography, design, and video editing, which evolved into a formal education. He studied multimedia at Gaza University and the Palestine Technical University, dedicating his skills to serving the camp and recording its history. He also managed social media pages, amplifying the voices of the camp's

residents. His brother, Muhammad, remarked, “He had a unique eye for photography, capturing moments from a distinctive perspective that made him a well-recognized name in Palestinian media. He was always present at events and occasions, consistently dedicated to documenting the unfolding events.”

Beyond his professional achievements, Abdul Wahab’s brother describes him as deeply religious and committed to his prayers and moral conduct. “He wasn’t one to talk much but was firm in his beliefs. He knew right from wrong and was devoted to the mosque and charity work.” This upbringing shaped his social interactions as well. His brother recalls, “He was calm and avoided anger. In many ways, he was the heart of our home, bringing everyone together. Despite being younger than me, he had a way of connecting with everyone.”

Memories of Abdul Wahab fill his brother’s mind. He recalls how, on the day they were preparing Abdul Wahab’s apartment for his upcoming wedding, his brother and friends arrived to help move bricks and furniture.

Along with his love for home and family, Abdul Wahab was deeply committed to Palestine. His media work reflected this dedication, focusing on the plight of refugees in the camp, a living testimony to the suffering of the Palestinian people. His brother notes, “The environment he grew up in had a lasting impact on him. He was always busy with photography, covering events, and managing media pages.”

In addition to his photography skills, Abdul Wahab was a talented designer and video editor, thanks to his multimedia studies. His distinctive touch was sought by local and international media organizations for documentary films, infographics, and video editing. Though he is gone, his mark remains on hundreds of works he produced.

Abdul Wahab’s depth of understanding about life is reflected in a quote on his Facebook page: “Advice is gathered from everyone, but it’s up to you to know which you need and which can wait.” This profound view accompanies a profile picture showing his gentle smile and round face, framed by his ever-present camera in the background—a testament to his passion for photography. That same camera, once his constant companion, was stained with his blood when he was targeted.





## **The Martyred Journalist Amina Hameed: An Israeli Missile claimed Her Life Along with Her Firstborn Son and Youngest Daughter**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

For 201 days during the Israeli assault on Gaza, journalist Amina Hameed's pen never paused, as she used various social media platforms to describe the destruction and repeated displacement within her small city. However, the Israeli military decided to end the voice that had long exposed its crimes against Palestinians.

Amina Hameed was martyred on April 24, 2024, when Israeli warplanes bombed a four-story building belonging to her grandfather in Al-Shati Refugee Camp, west of Gaza City.

Alongside her, two of her children were also martyred: her eldest son Mahdi and her infant daughter, who was born on October 5, 2023, just two days before the war began.

A few days earlier, Hebrew Channel 14 published a photo of journalist Hamid in a clip it broadcasted to incite against her and a group of Palestinians from Gaza who were inside Al-Shifa Medical Complex just before Israel's operation that led to its destruction.

Amina Mahmoud Hassan Hameed was born in Gaza City on January 28, 1990, to a Palestinian refugee family originally from the occupied city of Ashdod.

Hameed was married and had four sons and a daughter. She completed her elementary education at Asmaa School and Al-Shati School (A), and her high school education at Kafr Qasim School. In 2016, she earned a bachelor's degree in Arabic Language and Media from Al-Aqsa University.

in Gaza and later pursued a master's degree at the same university.

Hameed worked at Al-Istiqlal newspaper between 2008 and 2011, and at Al-Quds Radio between 2008 and 2009. She was then appointed as head of the Media and Cultural Committee at the Khansa Palestine Center for Creativity and Studies from 2010 to 2017, before becoming the center's executive director in 2017.

In addition to her journalistic work, Hameed was a political and social activist and a poet, with a poetry collection titled *Childhood Mischief*. She was also appointed as the deputy for the Women's Sector in the Follow-up Committee for the National and Islamic Forces' "Great March of Return," where she focused on women's issues, martyrs, prisoners, and the wounded.

Hameed also contributed articles to various media outlets and had recently published an article titled "Rain, Mud, and Barefoot Children," discussing the plight of children amidst the Israeli war on Gaza.

Hameed endured much hardship under Israeli occupation, including being denied the right to travel for several years. She was the daughter of a freed prisoner and the granddaughter of a man exiled by the occupation for twenty-one years. Just hours before her martyrdom, Hameed posted on her Facebook page, describing the ongoing war on Gaza and sharing images of the devastation in the city. She wrote: "Praise be to You, O Lord. You are our hope, and in You alone we place our trust, for there is no partner with You. God has honored us with His dignity to remain in Gaza City, and He has granted us many shares in His cause, with strength and patience for His sake. For God, all difficulties become easier... 200 days of war."

Journalist Ismail Al-Ghoul posted pictures on his Facebook page showing the destruction of Hameed's home, writing: "I didn't know that my colleague Amina Hameed was a victim of this bombing. My condolences to colleague Saed Hassouna after the loss of his wife and eldest son."

Hameed's martyrdom shocked her colleagues and relatives, who mourned her with sorrowful words.

Her husband, journalist Saed Hassouna, expressed his pain and grief, saying:

“My back is broken after you, Amina. Our consolation is that you lived with sincerity and purity, and martyrdom is the reward for the righteous. To God we belong, and to Him we shall return.”

A friend, Umm Yamen, posted: “My heart cries for you, my love. I can’t believe I won’t see you again. You were the kindest, most pious person I ever met, always praying sincerely for my healing and recovery. God have mercy on you, the love of my heart, Umm Mahdi.”

Journalist Ghalia Hamad wrote in a post: “Martyrdom is not granted to just anyone; it is a selection befitting your purity. To God’s mercy and eternal peace, Amina.”



## The Martyred Journalist Mohammad Al-Jamal: Killed Alongside Five Family Members and Relatives

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Journalist Muhammad Al-Jamal dedicated his life to exposing the atrocities committed by the Israeli army against Palestinians, especially during the war on Gaza. In a sudden act, the army settled its scores with him by ending his life.

Mohammad Al-Jamal was martyred on April 25, 2024, in an Israeli air-strike that targeted his home in Al-Jenina neighborhood in eastern Rafah, southern Gaza. Five of his family members and in-laws were also killed in the attack, including his niece, the young girl Sham, his father-in-law, and two brothers-in-law.

Mohammad's brother, Mahmoud Al-Jamal, recounted the tragic event: "We were sitting in our house, which was sheltering both our family and another displaced family from Khan Younis, when suddenly the house collapsed around us after an unexpected airstrike targeted our home and the neighboring building."

He emphasized that although Israel claims Rafah is a safe area, it continuously targets civilians and displaced people, bombing homes over the heads of their residents.

Mohammad Al-Jamal was born in 1989 in Rafah, where he completed his primary and secondary education before earning a bachelor's degree in journalism and media in Gaza.

He worked for the Palestine Now news agency and in the investigative journalism department of Al-Araby Al-Jadeed newspaper from Gaza. His

last investigation, published on February 4, 2024, was titled “Hunting the Hungry: Ambushes to Kill Palestinians in Gaza.”

The investigative report documented how the Israeli army targeted starving people in the besieged Gaza Strip, both before and after the October 7 battle, setting up various traps that led to the deaths of those seeking food aid.

Al-Jamal also wrote investigative reports on the assassination of Palestinian talents by Israel and its policies of starving Palestinians.

He was a frequent guest on news channels, discussing the impact of the Israeli war on Gaza and its effects on Palestinian lives.

In 2013, Al-Jamal won first place in the “Journalists for Human Rights” competition organized by the Southern Female Journalists Forum in cooperation with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

The Government Media Office condemned the martyrdom of journalist Mohammad Al-Jamal, who was killed when the Israeli military bombed his home in Rafah. In a press release, it said:

“We ask Allah to grant mercy, acceptance, and paradise to our fallen journalist colleagues and patience to their families and the entire Palestinian press community.”

The international organization Reporters Without Borders previously referred to Gaza as a “graveyard for journalists,” noting that Israel deliberately hinders the work of journalists by killing them and employing various tactics to obstruct them in the field. These include displacement, siege, banning foreign journalists from entering Gaza, cutting off internet access, and sending threatening messages.

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate also accused Israel of deliberately targeting the families of journalists in Gaza, confirming that dozens of relatives of Palestinian journalists have been killed by Israeli airstrikes on the Gaza Strip.



## **Martyr Photojournalist Ibrahim Al-Gharbawi: The Show Ended, and the Camera Fell**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

While photographer Ibrahim Al-Gharbawi was documenting the destruction of the Hamad Residential Complex in Khan Younis, southern Gaza, caused by Israeli airstrikes, a sudden, loud explosion filled the air, covering the area in dust. As the dust cleared, it became evident that Ibrahim Al-Gharbawi and his brother Ayman, a video editor, had been martyred by an Israeli airstrike on April 26, 2024.

Born on March 14, 1992, in Gaza City, Ibrahim Al-Gharbawi graduated from Ma'ruf Al-Rasafi Secondary School in 2010 and earned a degree in Media from the University College of Applied Sciences in Gaza in 2014.

Following his graduation, Ibrahim worked as a photojournalist and established "Sham Studio," a media production and photography company. He also worked as a photojournalist for "Ulfa" Foundation, an independent civil society organization licensed in Turkey, focused on aiding those in need and displaced in the fields of development and relief.

Ulfa Foundation mourned the loss of Ibrahim and his brother Ayman who worked among its staff in a post on Facebook: "You must not think that those who were killed in the way of Allah are dead. But rather, they are alive with their Lord and have been provided for. With great sorrow and grief, we received this morning the news of the martyrdom of two of Ulfa's team members in Gaza: our colleague, photojournalist Ibrahim Al-Gharbawi, and his brother, video editor Ayman Al-Gharbawi. We belong to Allah, and to Him, we shall return."

Al-Gharbawi was also active on social media, using it as a platform to express his feelings about the ongoing Israeli aggression on Gaza. On

November 28, 2023, the Israeli military destroyed his studio, Sham Studio. He posted a video of the fire engulfing his studio on Facebook, and wrote: "Eleven years of hard work gone in an instant... God is sufficient for me and He is the best Disposer of affairs. This was Sham Studio, which I worked hard for so that it would be my only source of income. All expensive equipment, everything, burned to ashes. Alhamdulillah, despite everything."

On February 9, 2024, Ibrahim posted again, reminding the world of the suffering of Palestinians during the war in Gaza:

"How lucky is the world that is warm and can sleep peacefully, that can lean on walls, taste happiness, know what comfort is, and achieve dreams... How lucky are those who still have homes, and whose problems are trivial."

Earlier, he had posted a poem on Facebook about his destroyed home:

*"Will the home return to its familiar charm?*

*Will our early days come back?*

*Or should the ceiling be asked if it still stands tall,*

*Above the celinings despite what they have done to it?*

*If the house dies or we are long separated,*

*Patience, my home, for hope never weakens."*

Friends and relatives mourned Ibrahim, remembering his character and the moments they shared. Afnaan Basil, the sister-in-law of Ibrahim, wrote in a post on Facebook:

"What can we tell little Malik, who spends his time crying and calling 'Baba, Baba' when you leave for an hour? How can we explain to him that 'Baba went to work to film what's happening, but he won't be back'? And how can we tell Malak, who always asks what Baba will bring her when he returns to Gaza, that he won't be bringing her anything anymore? Truly, we belong to Allah, and to Him, we shall return."

She added: "The news of your martyrdom was a shock, Ibrahim. May Allah grant you mercy, accept you as a martyr, and give you strength in your questioning."

Mourning his friend, Mahmoud Abu Naji wrote in a post: "The martyrdom of my dear friend and brother Ibrahim Al-Gharbawi... May Allah have mercy on you, Ibrahim, the first person who taught me photography." Another friend, Mariam Awad, posted: "We try to escape the sad news, but God, we can't move on. O God you took all the good people, but we accept your decision. Ibrahim Al-Gharbawi, the kind-hearted young man, may your soul rest in peace."



## The Martyred Journalist Salem Abu Tyoor: Tomorrow We Will Be Just a Memory

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

“Life is very short; it is not worth holding grudges, envy, or hypocrisy. Tomorrow we will be just a memory. Smile and forgive those who wronged you because Paradise needs pure hearts.” These words were written by Salem Abu Tyoor in a Facebook post on September 3, 2023, without realizing that they would be his last words of advice to his followers.

Abu Tyoor, who worked in the media sector in Gaza, was martyred in an Israeli airstrike that targeted his home in Al Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza on April 30, 2024.

A family source confirmed that civil defense teams recovered three martyrs from beneath the rubble of the targeted home, including Abu Tyoor and his son, Ahmad.

Salem Hosni Abu Tyoor was born on December 23, 1989, in Al Nuseirat camp and received his primary and secondary education in the camp's schools. He later enrolled in the General Nursing Department at the College of Intermediate Studies at Al-Azhar University in Gaza.

After graduating, Abu Tyoor transitioned to the media sector, where he worked as the financial director of Al-Quds Today TV channel in Gaza.

Al-Quds Today channel mourned the loss of their colleague in a press release:

“Al-Quds Today channel mourns the martyrdom of our colleague Salem Hosni Abu Tyoor, ‘Abu Hamza,’ the channel’s financial director, in a heinous Zionist strike that took his life and that of his son, Ahmad.”



The press release added: "As we mourn yet another colleague on the path to Jerusalem and liberation, we affirm our commitment to continuing our resistance-oriented media mission."

Fellow journalists carried the body of their colleague Abu Tyoor and his young son, Ahmad, at the Martyrs of Al-Aqsa Hospital in Deir al-Balah, central Gaza, draping his body with a journalist's shield as a final tribute before burial.

One journalist at the funeral remarked: "Israel deliberately targets journalists and media workers, killing them intentionally in an attempt to silence the Palestinian narrative."

He added: "We knew Salem as a dedicated and passionate professional in the media sector. He believed that in his own way, he was helping to expose the truth about this occupation, which commits mass murder and genocide against our people."

He continued: "Today, Salem has been killed, and we do not know who the next martyr among us will be."

Friends and colleagues mourned the loss of Salem Abu Tyoor, recalling shared memories.

Tariq Al-Mallakh wrote in a post on Facebook: "May God have mercy on you, my dear friend. We will meet in Paradise. The martyr Salem Abu Tyoor: The eyes shed tears, and the heart grieves. We are deeply saddened by your departure, Salem."

Mohammed Ahmed wrote in a post: "What words can I use to mourn you? May God have mercy on you and accept you as a martyr in the highest ranks. My friend Salem Abu Tyoor "Abu Hamza", has been martyred... Life is indeed short."



## **The Martyred Journalist Mustafa Ayyad: Documented Scenes of Death and Destruction, Then His Home Was Bombed**

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Journalist Mustafa Ayyad had just completed his task of documenting the aftermath of the Israeli aggression on Gaza. After witnessing his daily dose of destruction and death that had befallen Gaza, he returned to his home. Only minutes passed before his house was bombed without any prior warning.

Journalist Mustafa Hatem Ayyad was martyred on May 6, 2024, as a result of an Israeli airstrike that targeted his home in Al-Zaytoun neighborhood, northern Gaza.

An Israeli drone bombed Ayyad's house, and he was immediately transferred to Al-Ma'madani Hospital. However, he succumbed to injuries to his head, heart, and liver.

Ayyad worked as a freelance photographer for Al Jazeera Mubasher and its online platform, covering the Israeli war on Gaza alongside journalist Youssef Al-Sayfi.

Together, Ayyad and Youssef reported numerous events, stories, and moving scenes from the northern part of Gaza, despite the tight siege, heavy bombardment, and the Israeli ground incursion involving large numbers of military vehicles in various northern areas.

The Gaza Government Media Office announced that with Ayyad's death, the number of martyred journalists had risen to 142 since the beginning of the genocide in Gaza on October 7, 2023.

Ayyad's martyrdom occurred two days after the commemoration of World Press Freedom Day on May 3 and just a day after Israel closed Al Jazeera's offices within its territories, further underscoring Israel's targeting of journalists.

Earlier, the Gaza Media Office had accused Israel of deliberately killing journalists to erase the Palestinian narrative and obscure the truth, hindering the flow of news and information to regional and global audiences.

Reporters Without Borders previously described Gaza as a "graveyard for journalists," stating that Israel deliberately stifles journalists' work and kills them, using various means to obstruct them in the field.

In May 2024, journalists covering the Israeli war on Gaza received the UNESCO Press Freedom Prize for 2024.

Friends and colleagues mourned Ayyad's martyrdom, expressing their anger at the international silence over Israel's systematic targeting of Palestinian journalists.

Mourning his loss, Marwan Kamel wrote in a post on Facebook: "Another journalist falls victim to the genocide. 142 journalists have been martyred in Gaza, more than half of them along with their families. This heinous war always leaves us in disbelief unable to comprehend or accept it."

v



## The Martyred Journalist Bahaa Akasha: Israel Waited for Him to Return Home, Then Assassinated Him and His Family

**By: Rasha Abu Jalal**

Israeli warplanes waited for journalist Bahaa Akasha to return to his home and ensured that he was reunited with his wife and children in the warmth of their home—a place he had often been absent from during the war, as he worked to document Israel's crimes. In an instant, that home was reduced to rubble, burying its inhabitants beneath it.

On Saturday, May 11, 2024, Israeli warplanes bombed the home of Bahaa Akasha, a photojournalist for Al-Aqsa Media Network, in Al Qassa-seeb neighborhood of Jabalia Camp in northern Gaza.

The airstrike resulted in the martyrdom of Bahaa Akasha, his wife, and their son Hamza. Civil defense teams could not recover the bodies of other family members trapped beneath the wreckage of their destroyed home.

Local media reported that the Israeli military deliberately waited for Akasha to return home before assassinating him and his family in a brutal, cold-blooded crime.

Bahaa Akasha received his primary and secondary education in the schools of Jabalia Camp and earned his bachelor's degree in journalism and media from the Islamic University of Gaza.

Akasha was active in aerial photography, a field in which Israel targeted most of Gaza journalists who worked in, including Rushdi Al-Sarraj, Hamza Al-Dahdouh, and Mustafa Thurayya.

Journalist Akasha was also well-known for sharing his aerial footage on TikTok, where he described himself as “specialized in aerial photography

to showcase Gaza's beauty like you've never seen before."

The Gaza Government Media Office mourned the martyrdom of Akasha, announcing in a press release: "With his martyrdom, the number of journalists killed since the start of the genocide against Gaza rises to 143."

Friends and relatives of the martyr Okasha mourned their loss and demanded that the Israeli occupation be held accountable for its deliberate crimes against journalists.

Yasmeen Al-Sham wrote in a post on Facebook: "Verily we belong to God, and verily to Him we shall return. My beloved sister's husband, Bahaa Akasha, my dear sister, Umm Hamza, and my nephew Hamza, a 12-year-old memorizer of the Qur'an, have been martyred. God is sufficient for us, and He is the best disposer of affairs."

Haitham Al-Jassim posted: "To the highest gardens of Paradise, Gaza bids farewell to its devoted son, journalist Bahaa, and his family. The savage bombing destroyed his home and took their lives. May they rest in peace."

Palestinian human rights organizations, including the Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Al Mizan Center, and Al-Haq, strongly condemned the continued deliberate targeting and killing of journalists by Israeli forces.

In a joint statement, these organizations emphasized that the targeting of journalists is a recurring pattern since the beginning of the attack on Gaza. They noted that Israel, the occupying power, has turned journalists and their institutions into legitimate targets as part of a systematic policy aimed at intimidating journalists and silencing their voices. This comes as part of Israel's ongoing efforts to obscure the humanitarian atrocities and the ongoing genocide it is committing in Gaza.

The organizations added that these crimes show Israel's intent to monopolize the narrative and silence free journalism. They highlighted that Israel is also preventing international media crews from entering Gaza to provide independent coverage, as part of a comprehensive campaign aimed at committing genocide and imposing a second Nakba on 2.3 million Palestinians in Gaza.

They called on the International Criminal Court's Prosecutor to expedite practical steps in the investigation of crimes committed in the State of Palestine, including the killings of journalists who sacrifice their lives to reveal the truth, and to proceed with the next steps in the investigation.



## The Martyred Journalist Mahmoud Jahjouh: Israel Ends His Life While He was asleep with His Family

**By Rasha Abu Jalal**

With a missile fueled by hatred and malice, the Israeli army ended the life of photojournalist Mahmoud Jahjouh while he was asleep in his home with his wife and children.

Mahmoud Jahjouh was martyred on the dawn of May 16, 2024, in an Israeli airstrike that targeted his home in Abu Iskandar area of Sheikh Radwan neighborhood, north of Gaza City.

Alongside Jahjouh, his wife Shahd Al-Hirsh, their children, his father-in-law, mother-in-law, and his wife's siblings were also martyred in the attack.

Yousef Siyam, a close friend of Jahjouh, said: "Israel deliberately killed my friend, the journalist, while he was sleeping in his room with his wife and children. The strike was aimed directly at him."

He added: "When I heard of his martyrdom, I went to say goodbye to his body. I looked at the body, but there were no recognizable features. The shroud contained only distorted remains due to the bombing."

Jahjouh was born in Gaza City, where he received his primary and secondary education. After completing his university studies in journalism and media, he worked as a photojournalist for the news website Palestine Post.

The website mourned the loss of Jahjouh through a post on the X. Activists and friends of the martyr also mourned their colleague and

expressed their grief and outrage over Israel's deliberate targeting of journalists.

As'ad Hassan wrote in a post: "Verily we belong to God, and verily to Him we shall return. May God reward us for our calamity and replace it with something better. My dear cousin Alaa Muhammad Al-Hirsh 'Abu Ahmad,' his daughter Shahd, her husband journalist Mahmoud Jahjouh, and their children have been martyred in a heinous Zionist bombing. My cousins were also injured, and their fate is still unknown at this time. God is sufficient for us, and He is the best disposer of affairs. May God grant us patience. Send my regards to my family, cousin. May God ease your journey."

Eliya Maha wrote in a post on Facebook: "Journalist Mahmoud Jahjouh has been martyred alongside several of his family members after the Zionist occupation bombed his home in northern Gaza. We have let them down, and we will be held accountable. God will not forgive those who betrayed, conspired, and normalized. God, we are overpowered, so grant us victory. We are wronged, so seek vengeance for us."

Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Athbah tweeted: "They fear the truth being exposed. The camera of Palestinian hero Mahmoud Jahjouh haunts the nightmares of the Zionists, Biden, Blinken, Netanyahu, and Ben-Gvir, just as they fear the hands of the resistance that fight in Gaza. May God accept him among the martyrs. Glory to the heroes."

Tawfiq Isleem, head of the Palestinian Media Forum, emphasized that the targeting of journalist Jahjouh is part of a long series of deliberate Israeli attacks on journalists.

He explained that Israel is fully aware of the important role journalists play in documenting its crimes in Gaza and sharing them with the world. "This is why they try to kill as many journalists as possible to hide the truth and prevent the Palestinian narrative from being told."

Isleem confirmed that Israel deliberately targets journalists, ignoring all international laws and resolutions meant to protect them. He called for Israel to be held accountable for these crimes and for the leaders of the occupation to face justice and punishment and not to enjoy impunity.

