

JOURNALISTS KILLED IN ISRAEL'S GENOCIDE



AT LEAST

273

JOURNALISTS
KILLED

162

INJURED

2 MISSING

92 ARRESTED

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More journalists have been killed in Gaza since the conflict began on October 7, 2023, than in the US Civil War, World Wars I and II, the Korean War, Vietnam War, the wars in the former Yugoslavia and the post-9/11 war in Afghanistan combined.

Brown University's Costs of War project

“Israel kills journalists. Killing journalists is killing the truth. And a world without truth is a world where executioners reign supreme.”

ANTHONY BELLANGER, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF JOURNALISTS

“Israel isn't just assassinating journalists but attacking journalism itself by preventing the documentation of genocide.”

AMNESTY, INTERNATIONAL

“Israel is engaging in the deadliest and most deliberate effort to kill and silence journalists that CPJ has ever documented. By silencing the press, Israel is silencing the war.”

COMMITTEE TO PROTECT JOURNALISTS



“On the one hand, Israel continues to deny access to any international media and on the other, it kills with impunity local journalists who are the world's only professional lens into the agony of genocide and famine unfolding in Gaza... Act without delay before Israel shuts down the last voices in Gaza.”

UN EXPERTS

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or the democratic nations of the world. Most distressingly, the global community of journalists has not raised its voice of protest as loudly or as persistently as these horrific killings warranted.

While Sheikh Hasina insulted the nation by subjecting it to an unparalleled level of oppression, the present interim government has inflicted another kind of humiliation on us by allowing the largest-ever judicial harassment of journalists in our history.

While 18 journalists were arrested without any specific charges, the more acutely embarrassing reality is that at least

296 journalists have been implicated in unsubstantiated criminal cases, many of them for murder.

As a newspaper that takes pride in independent and ethical journalism and champions the rights of journalists, we find it deeply troubling that Bangladesh appears to have one of the highest numbers of journalists accused in murder cases in recent times.

The law minister has said that the government cannot prevent anyone from filing a case. We ask in response: even when it is clear that the law is being abused? We believe the authorities could easily have investigated and found that many of these cases would be

extremely difficult to prove. There may well have been instances of partisan journalism and even corruption, for which those involved could have been properly tried and punished under appropriate laws. But murder?

A year ago, on October 7, 2024, the government set up a committee, led by an additional secretary of the information ministry, to monitor cases of harassment against journalists. On October 27 last year, the government called upon journalists to submit information with proof of harassment. This committee took note of 72 cases and forwarded them to the home ministry for action.

At a meeting on September 28, 2025, the current Information Adviser, Mahfuj Alam, said, “Even if one journalist is a victim of a retaliatory case, we have to protest against it. We have found 72 journalists facing such cases; our ministry has nothing to do with it, so we have submitted the list to the home ministry for further inquiry.”

That is where it stands now — 16 months since the initiative began. The law ministry issued an ordinance this year empowering the police to remove the name of any accused if a preliminary investigation found no evidence against them. Previously, such action required a magistrate's approval. Yet, none of the

journalists accused have benefited from this measure.

By publishing this special supplement today, we want to reiterate this fundamental truth: if we want to build a democratic society, if our leaders truly wish to establish an accountable and transparent government and if our political parties believe in a just society and one that is governed by law and not by dictated by it, then an independent, ethical and free media is a precondition. We are promised freedom, but have to suffer harassment, humiliation, confinement and incarceration in every era. Sadly, even the July charter fails to safeguard press freedom in clear terms.