

*Israeli forces directly shot at
Turkish news crew in Gaza's
Khan Younis*



An injured journalist from the TRT Arabic channel is brought to a hospital for medical treatment after an Israeli attack at the Nuseirat Refugee Camp in the Gaza Strip

Khan Younis, August 19 (RHC)-- Israeli forces have once again attacked a crew from Turkish public broadcaster TRT in Gaza's southern city of Khan Younis. The team from TRT Arabi (TRT's Arabic-

language channel) has been conducting their job to inform the world about Israel's genocidal war in Gaza when they were directly targeted on Sunday.

The channel's correspondent Sami Berhum and his team's vehicle were shot at with long-barreled weapons with five bullets striking the car. There was no report of casualties, but Berhum sustained light injuries.

The Turkish reporter said: "While we were on a field mission for the TRT network, we were directly shot by Israeli forces in the northwest of Khan Younis." He noted that the bullets directly targeted the face and chest of the crew, who were on a field mission with the car which is for the press.

"To wear the protective gear and helmet is all that indicates that we are journalists," Berhum said.

In a statement on his X account, TRT's Director General Zahid Sobaci condemned the attack, vowing to continue echoing the voice of Gaza. "We will never give up being the voice of Gaza, despite all obstacles from the terrorist state of Israel, which recognizes no moral or humanitarian boundaries," Sobaci wrote.

Back in April, an Israeli attack at the Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza injured three journalists, one seriously.

A TRT journalist, Sami Shehadeh, had his foot amputated after being wounded in the attack. Berhum was also wounded.

The Committee to Protect Journalists last week urged the Israeli regime to cease labeling journalists killed by its forces as "terrorists," calling for a prompt, independent international investigation into the killings.

According to CPJ's preliminary investigations, at least 113 journalists and media workers were among the more than 40,000 killed since October, making it the deadliest period for journalists since the CPJ began collecting data in 1992.

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