

Committee to Protect Journalists says Israel's deliberate killing of Palestinian journalists amounts to war crime



Relatives and colleagues of Palestinian journalists Sari Mansour and Hasona Saliem, who were killed while working, mourn during a funeral ceremony in Deir al-Balah, Gaza, on November 19, 2023. (Photo by Anadolu)

New York, December 16 (RHC)-- The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) says Israel's deliberate killing of Palestinian journalists in the Gaza Strip, which is enduring a genocidal war, amounts to "war crime."

Jodie Ginsberg, chief executive of the U.S.-based group monitoring human rights violations against journalists worldwide, said his organization which has been documenting the killing of dozens of media workers in Gaza, believes that Israel had deliberately targeted "a number of journalists" in Gaza. That would make the killings a "war crime," she added.

Ginsberg noted that Israel's killing of Palestinian journalists is part of a "systematic attempt" to "censor information coming out" of Gaza and the occupied West Bank. "We are reliant on [Palestinian journalists] for all the information we're getting out about what's happening inside Gaza," she said.

The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) says Israel's genocidal campaign in Gaza has killed more journalists in a span of one year than any other conflict in recent decades.

The remarks came as the Qatar-based news channel Al Jazeera condemned Israel over the "targeted killing" of its 39-year-old cameraman, Ahmad Baker al-Louh, in an attack on the Nuseirat refugee camp in Gaza on Sunday.

His death brings to 196 the number of Palestinian media workers who lost their lives in the course of Israel's war on Gaza, according to the strip's Government Media Office.

Israel launched a genocidal war on Gaza on October 7, 2023 after the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas waged the surprise Operation Al-Aqsa Flood against the occupying entity in response to the Israeli regime's decades-long campaign of bloodletting and devastation against Palestinians.

The regime's bloody onslaught on Gaza has so far killed at least 44,976 Palestinians, mostly women and children, and injured more than 106,759 others. Thousands more are also missing and presumed dead under rubble.

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