

# *Palestinian official says U.S. protecting Israel in journalist killing case*

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**This file photo taken on May 13, 2022 shows Israeli forces attacking Palestinian mourners carrying the casket of slain journalist Shireen Abu Akleh out of a hospital, before being transported to a church and then her resting place, in al-Quds. (Photo by AFP)?**

Ramallah, July 4 (RHC)-- A senior member of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) has accused the United States of protecting Israel over the killing of veteran journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, stressing that the Tel Aviv regime should be held accountable for the murder.

Wasel Abu Yousef, the PLO's Executive Committee member, made the remarks on Monday, after Washington announced that a forensic analysis of the bullet that killed Abu Akleh has failed to reach a firm conclusion on its origin.

"The truth is clear but the US administration continues to stall in announcing it," he said, adding, "We say Israel killed Shireen Abu Akleh and it has to be held responsible for the crime it has committed."

Hussein al-Sheikh, Secretary General of PLO's Executive Committee, also stressed, "We will not allow attempts to conceal the truth or to have shy references in pointing the finger of accusation to Israel."

The occupation "bears responsibility for the assassination of Shireen Abu Akleh, and we will continue our procedures at the international courts," he said in a post on his Twitter account.

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