

The Palestinian Journalists Syndicate issues its annual report on the most prominent violations of media freedoms in the year 2023:

102 journalists have been killed as a result of the Israeli bombing of journalists homes, offices, and in their work location.

- 13 journalists were seriously injured and disabled
- Several journalists are in need of treatment that is not available in the Gaza Strip as a result of the Israeli occupation's bombing of hospitals which still threatens their lives.
- 27 journalists were shot at or in the vicinity of their work, but were not injured.
- About 58 journalists have been arrested since October 7th in the West Bank and Gaza.
- 49 cases of attacks against journalists by settlers in the West Bank were recorded.

Killed journalists:

The report prepared by the Syndicate's Media Freedoms Committee indicated the number of 102 journalists who were killed as a result of the Israeli bombing of journalists' homes and offices or while performing their duty in media coverage. This includes 78 practitioners of journalism and 24 media support workers.

The report prepared by the PJS Freedoms Committee indicated the death toll of 102 journalists who were martyred as a result of the Israeli bombing of colleagues' homes and offices or while working in the field in media coverage.

He pointed out to a report that among the martyrs were 13 female journalist colleagues who were victims of bombings on homes, and most of them worked as correspondents for media agencies and websites, noting that a very large number of journalists' families were victims of their children being targeted as a result of the bombing.

Serious injuries

The reports mentioned a large number of injuries to journalists in the Gaza Strip, which the medical crews described as very serious. 23 journalists have been attacked by rocket fragments, causing critical wounds or obvious disabilities. At the same context, 48 bullets (including live, metal, and rubber bullets) targeted the bodies of journalists in the West Bank, most of them received treatment in hospitals.

Meanwhile, many injured journalists in Gaza are still in need of treatment that is not available in the Gaza Strip, especially after hospitals and medical crews were targeted by Israeli occupation missiles, noting that 27 journalists were subjected to gunfire without being injured.

Arrests

The Israeli occupation arrested about 58 journalists since October 7 in the West Bank and Gaza, the arresting action included storming homes, destroying furniture, confiscating journalists' equipment and cellular communication devices, in addition to assaulting them and their family members.

The majority of detained journalists are still in detention without trial, or even without knowing their fate, especially two journalists in the Gaza Strip who we consider missing.

Additionally, 16 journalists were summoned by the Israeli occupation intelligence, while 57 journalists were subject to unfair military courts, and some of them were subject to high financial fines.

Settler attacks

The PJS monitored 49 incidents of crimes and attacks by settlers against journalists, most of which occurred in the presence of the occupation army forces, that provided them with protection to carry out all these attacks. The settlers also recorded a number of threats, which reached 23 incidents.

Confiscating and destroying journalists' equipment

38 incidents of targeting journalistic work equipment by destroying them, either with bullets or by beating and kicking were recorded, while the Israeli occupation army did not hesitate to confiscate journalists' equipment without even giving any notice of that.

Targeting media institutions

The report said that 80 press and media institutions were targeted by bombing, total and partial destruction, as well as storming and closing, and about 9 Palestinian printing presses in the West Bank were stormed and their contents seized. Meanwhile, 91 journalists' homes were stormed by the occupation army.

Media institutions, such as the premises and offices of satellite channels, news agencies, newspapers, and radio stations, were directly targeted by Israeli missiles.

Detention and prevention of coverage

Among the most serious and repeated violations in years, according to the records, was the detention of journalists, preventing them from performing their duty, and covering up under threats, 314 related incidents were monitored and documented.

Additionally, the Israeli occupation soldiers targeted journalists by firing tear gas bombs for the purpose of harming them, causing them to suffocate and intimidate them. This type of targeting developed to targeting the bodies of journalists with these bombs, as 35 of them were injured, while 90 of their colleagues suffocated.

Enforced disappearance

The PJS reported the disappearance of journalists Nidal Al-Wahidi and Haitham Abdel-Wahed from Gaza Strip, where the occupation is keeping their fate unrevealed.