

Two Years of the Media Aiding and Abetting Genocide

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**“I will not speak to foreign media about the killing of Palestinian journalists.
I will not sit on your global channels to be part of a segment you’ll forget by tomorrow.**

To you, we are just a headline — a tragedy to consume, not colleagues to defend.

**We are being hunted and killed in Gaza while you watch in silence.
For two years, your fellow journalists here have been slaughtered.**

**What did you do?
Nothing.**

Or maybe it’s because we are Palestinian journalists — we don’t count as “real” colleagues in your eyes.”

Hind Khoudary

Palestinian journalist from the besieged Gaza Strip.¹



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Overview of Media Trends During the Second Year of Genocide



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Overview of Media Trends During the Second Year of Genocide

During the second year of Israel's genocide of the besieged Gaza Strip, mainstream Western media continued to aid and abet genocide by manufacturing consent for the massacre of Palestinians.²

Media outlets continued to propagate Zionist talking points, whilst attempting to silence, discredit, and dehumanise Palestinian voices.³

Common trends across Western media outlets during the second year of Israel's genocide of the besieged Gaza Strip concentration camp included:⁴

- Omitting Israel as the perpetrator of attacks.⁵
- Presenting forced starvation as a natural disaster rather than an intentional tool of genocide.⁶
- Writing about Palestinian massacres using the passive voice and statistics, and Israeli deaths using the active voice and humanising language.⁷
- Adopting the Israeli narrative of massacres and other events uncritically, following an almost uniform repetition:⁸
 - Denial of event taking place
 - Undermining of witness testimonies
 - Claiming that the attack was targeting resistance fighter(s)
 - Opening an investigation
 - Concluding that the massacre was a mistake
- Undermining Palestinian statistics because the Gaza Strip is governed by the democratically-elected Hamas.⁹
- Centring 7 October resistance operation as the starting point for contextual analysis.¹⁰
- Describing a genocide as a war.¹¹
- Considering that Israel might have 'gone too far', rather than being a fundamentally genocidal occupier.¹²
- Ignoring Israeli violations of ceasefire agreements.¹³
- Blaming Hamas for failed negotiations rather than Israel, despite Israel consistently destroying attempts to reach an agreement.¹⁴
- Normalising Israeli occupation of the besieged Gaza Strip and West Bank.¹⁵
- Presenting ethnic cleansing as humanitarian evacuations.¹⁷

“It’s not a war in Gaza. It is a genocide. A holocaust even. [...]

The BBC is a mouthpiece for Zionism and has oceans of the blood of my people on its hands. [...]

I will never rest until I hold you [the BBC] accountable. We have everything documented and will raise a case against you in courts. [...]

“Laundering Israel’s war crimes will haunt & shame you forever.”

Abubaker Abed

a Palestinian journalist from Gaza in an email responding to the BBC’s request for a pre-recorded interview.¹⁸



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Failure to Withdraw False Articles



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Failure to Withdraw False Articles

Despite many Zionist lies being conclusively disproven and discredited, media outlets failed to withdraw their inflammatory and incorrect articles. These false articles included:

- Articles on 7 October resistance operation that neglected to mention the Hannibal Directive and repeated Israeli talking points to justify genocide.

CNN World

Children found ‘butchered’ in Israeli kibbutz, IDF says, as horror of Hamas’ attacks near border begins to emerge

THE  TIMES

‘Babies had their throats cut’: how Kfar Aza kibbutz massacre unfolded

Failure to Withdraw False Articles continued...

- Articles that undermined the reliability of the UN's statistics on the Palestinian death toll, despite the real death toll being proven to be much higher than the UN's.

The Atlantic

The UN's Gaza Statistics Make No Sense

- Fabricated reports on sexual violence and rape by Palestinian resistance fighters on 7 October 2023.

The New York Times

'Screams Without Words': How Hamas Weaponized Sexual Violence on Oct. 7

- Articles perpetuating Israeli myths that Hamas was using hospitals as command centres or military bases, were otherwise embedded in Gaza's healthcare infrastructure, or that Palestinian doctors were members of Hamas.

The New York Times

Israel Shows Videos of Gaza Hospital Basement It Says Was Used by Hamas

“[Western media outlets] all capitulated to the Israeli narrative and adopted it without challenge, without interrogation, without fact checking or a semblance of impartiality. These are our industry colleagues around the world from news organisations and institutions that we’ve looked up to and respected throughout our lives.

They all pride themselves on being apparent shining embodiments and benchmarks of journalistic integrity, transparency, truthfulness – that’s what we were told all these years. But that very notion has collapsed completely. They were all proven deficient. We were let down.

They saw what’s happening to us; the killing, the maiming, the wholesale destruction. This is a campaign of aggression of historic magnitude, a calamity that has befallen more than two million besieged people. Journalists were duty bound to rise to this cause for humanity. They did not.”

Wael al-Dahdouh

Palestinian journalist from the besieged Gaza Strip, whose wife, two of his children, and his grandson, were all massacred by the IOF.¹⁹



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Spreading Zionist Lies



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Spreading Zionist Lies

From October 2024 to October 2025, Western media conspired with Israel to spread Zionist lies that justified Israel's genocide. Some of the most prolific falsehoods spread by media outlets included:

- **Zionist lie:** Palestinian hospitals and healthcare infrastructure are being used by Hamas.

The Telegraph

Inside Gaza's last working hospital lies a shadow of Hamas control

 **NBC NEWS**

Israel reveals tunnel under Gaza hospital where it says body of Hamas military chief was found

BBC NEWS

New Gaza hospital raid shows Hamas is not a spent force

Spreading Zionist Lies continued...

The Telegraph

'Hospital attack was precision strike to take out Hamas leader'



REUTERS

**Israeli strike at Gaza hospital kills 5,
Israel says target was Hamas militant**

The Telegraph

**Hamas used hospital as a military base, says
ambulance driver**

The New York Times

***In Israeli Video, Detainee Says Hamas
Operates Out of Gaza***

**THE
SPECTATOR**

**Hamas has a history of using
ambulances for war**

Spreading Zionist Lies continued...

- **Zionist lie:** Palestinian paramedics were driving suspiciously and without lights when they were fired upon by the IOF.

sky news

Israeli troops opened fire on ambulances because of 'perceived threat', preliminary IDF investigation says

- **Zionist lie:** Palestinian journalists, including Anas al-Sharif, are members of Hamas and therefore legitimate targets for assassination.

NBC NEWS

Israel kills Al Jazeera journalists in airstrike, claiming one worked for Hamas

sky news

'IDF does not target journalists': Spokesperson defends killing Anas al-Sharif

Mirror

Israel 'kills Al Jazeera journalist Anas Al Sharif' and accuses him of leading Hamas cell

Spreading Zionist Lies continued...

- **Zionist lie:** Forced starvation is the result of aid distribution issues, hunger, or famine, not an intentional Israeli mechanism of genocide.



Despite ceasefire, Gaza faces severe hunger and aid coordination issues

The Guardian

'We faced hunger before, but never like this': skeletal children fill hospital wards as starvation grips Gaza

The Guardian

Gaza doctors 'becoming too weak to treat patients' as hunger crisis deepens

FT FINANCIAL TIMES

Global hunger monitor declares famine in Gaza

Spreading Zionist Lies continued...

**The
Guardian**

Starvation in Gaza is destroying communities - and will leave generational scars

sky news

More than 100 people die of hunger in Gaza, including 80 children, say Palestinian officials

**The
Guardian**

'We are dying slowly, save us': starvation takes hold in Gaza after a week of appalling milestones

**The
Guardian**

'Hungry aid staff fainting' as starvation spreads in Gaza and truce hopes fade

Spreading Zionist Lies continued...

- **Zionist lie:** Israel's ethnic cleansing orders are humanitarian evacuations.

B B C NEWS

Israeli military orders all Gaza City residents to evacuate ahead of ground assault

The New York Times

Where Will Everyone in Gaza City Go?

B B C NEWS

Israel issues major evacuation order for Palestinians sheltering in Gaza City

B B C NEWS

Israel tells medics and aid groups to prepare for Gaza City evacuation

Spreading Zionist Lies continued...

BBC NEWS

Israel orders evacuation of southern Gaza city of Rafah

The Guardian

Israeli army drops evacuation leaflets over Gaza City as civilians flee - video

The Guardian

Middle East crisis: Israel issues evacuation order for parts of northern Gaza - as it happened



INDEPENDENT

My evacuation from Gaza City: 'I told my terrified toddler we're going camping'

Spreading Zionist Lies continued...

- **Zionist lie:** Israeli occupation zones are security/military corridors.

BBC NEWS

**Israel to include Rafah in Gaza
'security zones' - defence minister**

abc NEWS

**Israel takes control of Rafah, creating new 'security
corridor' in Gaza**

AP

**Israeli troops deploy to a new security
corridor across southern Gaza**

**FRANCE
24**

**Israel's Netanyahu announces new 'Morag'
security corridor across Gaza**

Spreading Zionist Lies continued...

- **Zionist lie:** The intensification of genocide is a military offensive.

FT FINANCIAL
TIMES

“Israel threatens to expand military offensive in
Gaza”



INDEPENDENT

Israel says new military offensive to take
over Gaza City has begun

sky news

Israel pounds outskirts of Gaza City
overnight as military offensive plans
continue

FRANCE
24



**Israel warns of 'unprecedented
force' in Gaza City offensive,
urges residents to flee**

Spreading Zionist Lies continued...

BBC NEWS

**Israel calls up 60,000 reservists
ahead of planned Gaza City offensive**

BBC NEWS

**Palestinians flee Gaza City districts
as Israel says first stages of offensive
have begun**

**FT FINANCIAL
TIMES**

**Israel extends Gaza offensive to areas not yet
reached by ground forces**

- **Zionist lie:** The death toll of Palestinians killed in Israel's genocide is false.

The Telegraph

**Hamas claim that 70pc of Gaza dead are women
and children 'demonstrably false'**

Spreading Zionist Lies continued...

euronews.

Hamas-run health ministry quietly removes thousands from Gaza death toll, researchers find

The Telegraph

Israel urges caution on Gaza death toll after UN cuts figures



Israel releases new Gaza civilian death toll, says Hamas' numbers are 'fake and fabricated'

NEWYORKPOST

UN admits Gaza death toll wrong, with almost 50% fewer women, children killed than previously reported

Spreading Zionist Lies continued...

- **Zionist lie:** Palestinian civilians killed in Israeli attacks are not the intended targets.



REUTERS

Reuters and AP journalists killed in Gaza strike were not 'a target,' an Israeli military spokesperson says

- **Zionist lie:** Israel's attack on Nasser Hospital targeted a ' Hamas camera'.

The New York Times

Israel Says It Attacked Gaza Hospital to Destroy Camera Placed by Hamas

©CBS NEWS

Israel claims strike on hospital that killed journalists was targeting a camera used by Hamas

Spreading Zionist Lies continued...

AP

Israeli military says strikes on Gaza hospital targeted a Hamas camera, without providing evidence

Los Angeles Times

Israeli military says strikes on Gaza hospital targeted what it says was a Hamas camera

NEW YORK POST

IDF says deadly attack on Gaza hospital was targeting a Hamas surveillance camera

THE GLOBE AND MAIL

Israeli military claims Gaza hospital strike that killed journalists was targeting Hamas camera

“Rather than seeking truth and minimising harm, Western media often acted as stenographers for the narratives of powerful governments, particularly Israel and the US. Instead of interrogating official claims, even as Israel carried out mass killing, starvation, and destruction in Gaza, mainstream media echoed their language—speaking of “collateral damage” and “targeting Hamas”—and repeated government talking points with little scrutiny.”

Assal Rad

Historian & Author ²⁰



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Failure to Respond to Critique



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Failure to Respond to Critique

Despite continued protests, open letters, anonymous staff testimonies, and staff resignations, Western media outlets have continued to produce pro-Israel propaganda during the second year of Israel's genocide, despite months of critique.²¹

Both the BBC and The New York Times have seen several demonstrations outside their offices in London and Manchester, and New York, respectively, protesting their biased and racist coverage.²²

It is noteworthy that despite continued protests and condemnation of the BBC's biased coverage of Israel's genocide in Gaza, the jobs of BBC Director General Tim Davie and News CEO Deborah Turness were never in question. However, pressure from US President Donald Trump regarding an edit of his speeches in a Panorama documentary forced both directors to step down immediately.²⁶ This stark contrast demonstrates that the British public have less influence over the BBC's management than foreign leaders.

BBC letters

November 2024 Open Letter

In an open letter signed by over 230 members of the media industry, including 101 anonymous BBC staff, the BBC was criticised for failing its own editorial standards by lacking “consistently fair and accurate evidence-based journalism in its coverage of Gaza”.³³

The letter called on the BBC to report “without fear or favour” and to “recommit to the highest editorial standards – with emphasis on fairness, accuracy, and due impartiality”.³⁴

The letter also calls on the broadcaster to implement a series of editorial commitments including “reiterating that Israel does not give external journalists access to Gaza; making it clear when there is insufficient evidence to back up Israeli claims; making clear where Israel is the perpetrator in article headlines; including regular historical context predating October 2023; and robustly challenging Israeli government and military representatives in all interviews”.³⁵

Despite these letters, the BBC has consistently failed to act on its criticism and denied all claims.³⁶

Decision to shelve the documentary *Gaza: Medics Under Fire*

In July 2025, following the BBC's decision to shelve the documentary *Gaza: Medics Under Fire*, and the exposure of BBC Editorial Standards Committee Member Robbie Gibb's links to the pro-Israeli Jewish Chronicle, more than 100 BBC employees and 400 media professionals wrote a letter to the BBC director general, Tim Davie.²⁷

The letter complained that the BBC has become a mouthpiece for Israel, stating: “We’re writing to express our concerns over opaque editorial decisions and censorship at the BBC on the reporting of Israel/Palestine. We believe the refusal to broadcast the documentary ‘Gaza: Medics Under Fire’ is just one in a long line of agenda driven decisions. It demonstrates, once again, that the BBC is not reporting “without fear or favour” when it comes to Israel.”²⁸

Failure to Respond to Critique continued...

The letter goes on to note that the decision not to broadcast the investigation was taken by BBC management, despite the content being signed off in accordance with BBC guidelines and editorial policy, which it says “appears to be a political decision”, showing that the organisation “is crippled by the fear of being perceived as critical of the Israeli government.”²⁹

The letter later stated: “As an organisation we have not offered any significant analysis of the UK government’s involvement in the war on Palestinians. We have failed to report on weapons sales or their legal implications. These stories have instead been broken by the BBC’s competitors.” [...] “This hasn’t happened by accident, rather by design. Much of the BBC’s coverage in this area is defined by anti-Palestinian racism.”³⁰

The letter notes that the BBC’s reporting on Israel and Palestine “falls short of our own editorial standards”, with “a gulf between the BBC’s coverage of what is happening in Gaza and the West Bank and what our audiences can see is happening via multiple credible sources including human rights organisations, staff at the UN and journalists on the ground.” [...] “All too often it has felt that the BBC has been performing PR for the Israeli government and military.”³¹

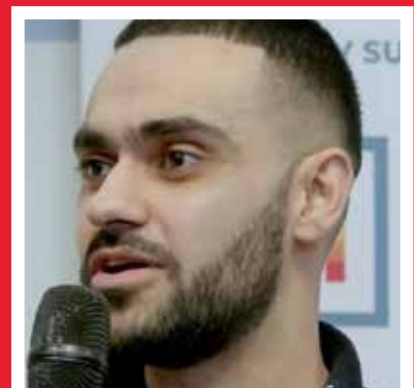
The letter signposted Sir Robbie Gibb as central to the decision to shelve the documentary: “The inconsistent manner in which guidance is applied draws into focus the role of Sir Robbie Gibb, on the BBC Board and BBC’s Editorial Standards Committee. We are concerned that an individual with close ties to the Jewish Chronicle, an outlet that has repeatedly published anti-Palestinian and often racist content, has a say in the BBC’s editorial decisions in any capacity, including the decision not to broadcast ‘Gaza: Medics Under Fire’. [...] This conflict of interest highlights a double standard for BBC content makers who have themselves experienced censorship in the name of ‘impartiality’. In some instances staff have been accused of having an agenda because they have posted news articles critical of the Israeli government on their social media. By comparison, Gibb remains in an influential post with little transparency regarding his decisions despite his ideological leanings being well known. We can no longer ask license fee payers to overlook Gibbs’ ideological allegiances.”³²

“The media made the unpardonable decision to ensure Israel’s crimes were framed as everything but the meticulous, calculated obliteration of Gaza – as military strategy, self-defence or retaliation. If they weren’t amplifying Israeli claims in the headlines, they were using verbal acrobatics to preserve the smokescreen.

Mundane military jargon is adopted, from “pinpoint” to “ground invasion” to “offensive”, to uphold the perception that this is indeed a war, not systematic elimination.”

Hamza Yusuf

Palestinian journalist for *Declassified UK*.³⁷



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Suppression of Genocide



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Suppression of Genocide

Western media continues to refuse to use the term genocide in their coverage to describe Israel's two-year annihilation of the besieged Gaza Strip and extermination of life in Gaza – despite testimonies from Palestinians, and the widespread consensus amongst international organisations and humanitarian groups.³⁸

Instead, Western media has repeatedly chosen terminology that downplays the extent of Israel's genocide and Israel's genocidal intent.³⁹

War or conflict

By using the term war and conflict, Western media has perpetuated the myth that Israel's genocide is a war between two armies, rather than the extermination of Palestinians held hostage in a besieged concentration camp.

This terminology also omits the power imbalance between the IOF – one of the most well-armed militaries in the world, equipped by the US, UK, and Germany – and the Palestinian resistance.



Bowen: Long-overdue ceasefire may stop the killing but won't end the conflict



Israel and Hamas at War



The devastating impact of 15 months of war on Gaza

Suppression of Genocide continued...

BBC NEWS

Gaza war in maps and satellite images

The Guardian

Israel-Gaza war: Netanyahu deciding on next steps amid reports he could escalate conflict - as it happened

BBC NEWS

Nearly 70% of Gaza war dead verified by UN are women and children

The Guardian

Israel and Hamas begin indirect talks as hopes rise of ending Gaza war

Suppression of Genocide continued...

Military terminology

Israel's intentional, genocidal attacks across the besieged Gaza Strip concentration camp are reported using military terminology, suggesting that they are targeted operations of military necessity, rather than the collective punishment and extermination of an entire people.⁴⁰

This manufactures consent for Israeli bombardment and occupation under the guise of military strategy, whilst ignoring the mountain of evidence from multiple sources to suggest otherwise. The long-term impact of such narratives normalises the illegal Israeli occupation of the Gaza Strip through euphemisms and false pretences about Israeli security.⁴¹



Israel says it has taken first steps of military operation in Gaza City



Israeli army begins 'extensive' new ground operations in Gaza



Israel to call up around 60,000 reservists before planned offensive on Gaza City, says Israeli military official – as it happened

Suppression of Genocide continued...



Israeli military launches new ground operation in Gaza



Israel launches 'limited ground operation' to retake Netzarim corridor in Gaza



INDEPENDENT

Israel calls up 40,000 reservists as military pushes ahead with ground operation in Gaza



Israel restarts ground operations in northern Gaza Strip in renewed campaign

Suppression of Genocide continued...

Genocide through forced starvation and destruction of healthcare system

The humanitarian impact of Israel's genocide is downplayed as the result of aid mismanagement and coordination problems, lack of supplies, hunger, starvation, or disease – obscuring how Israel has intentionally weaponised food and water as a mechanism of genocide – to continue its killing without the need for bombs.⁴²

Such narratives shift the blame from Israel as the perpetrator to medical supply chains, aid organisations, the geography of the Gaza Strip, and the absence of food and drinkable water.⁴³

By March 2025, the purpose of this narrative became clear: famine – devoid of its perpetrator – became a tool for the installation of the US-Israeli so-called Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, which continued to weaponise aid as a trap to massacre starving Palestinians.⁴⁴

**The
Guardian**

UN-backed experts declare famine in and around Gaza City

**The
Guardian**

Gaza is 'hungriest place on Earth' with all its people at risk of famine, says UN

B B C NEWS

Entire Gaza population at critical risk of famine, UN-backed assessment says

Suppression of Genocide continued...

BBC NEWS

Famine 'currently playing out' in Gaza, UN-backed experts warn

The Guardian

More Palestinians die of starvation as famine spreads in Gaza - as it happened

The Guardian

UN warns of 'grave' concerns for fuel and food in famine-hit northern Gaza - as it happened

BBC NEWS

'Children are paying the highest price,' says aid worker as famine confirmed in Gaza City

Suppression of Genocide continued...

**The
Guardian**

**‘Very sick and very tired’: the reality of
famine for Gaza’s most vulnerable**

B B C NEWS

**Wounded Palestinians dying over
lack of supplies, US surgeon who
worked in Gaza says**

“Language is important. Language makes genocide justifiable. A reason why we are still being bombed after 243 days is because of The New York Times and most Western media. They continue to spread misinformation, and are willing to jump many hoops instead of stating that Israel is committing genocide or that Israel is killing Palestinians daily. The New York Times is complicit in this genocide. The New York Times has the blood of 15,000 Palestinian children on their hands.”

Hossam Shabat

Palestinian journalist who was martyred by a targeted Israeli airstrike on 24 March 2025.⁴⁵



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Covering Up Targeted Assassinations



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Covering Up Targeted Assassinations

Western media consistently followed Israel's playbook following targeted assassinations and attacks on protected people, such as journalists, healthcare workers, and humanitarian workers, and on protected sites, such as schools, hospitals, and religious buildings.⁴⁶

These targeted attacks violating international law were either portrayed by Israel as targeting Hamas, despite no evidence of this being the case, or – following a lengthy 'investigation' – the result of a mistake.⁴⁷ Western media uncritically reproduced Israeli narratives every time.



Reuters and AP journalists killed in Gaza strike were not 'a target,' an Israeli military spokesperson says



Israel targets Hamas leader Mohammed Sinwar in hospital strike in Gaza, sources say



Israel says its strikes on a Gaza hospital were targeting what it called a Hamas surveillance camera

Covering Up Targeted Assassinations continued...

THE  TIMES

Israel 'targets Hamas leader' in Gaza airstrike as US calls for peace

B B C NEWS

Video footage appears to contradict Israeli account of Gaza medic killings

**The
Guardian**

Israeli military changes account of Gaza paramedics' killing after video of attack

Covering Up Targeted Assassinations continued...

sky news

Israeli deputy foreign minister: IDF
'do not target civilians in Gaza'

BBC NEWS

**Israeli military investigates 'reports
of harm to civilians' after hundreds
killed near Gaza aid sites**

“The archives were updated, the records carefully adjusted. The shift is shameless, but the gall to defend it even more so. However, they won’t be rehabilitated. Not that easily.

None of that is courageous, principled journalism. Nor is it an awakening or an ethical reckoning that must be applauded. It’s cynical hand-wringing – the kind that might win nods in the sophisticated newsroom culture of Fleet Street but will collapse under the weight of history. In the all encompassing court of public memory, this theatre won’t hold up.”

Hamza Yusuf

Palestinian journalist for *Declassified UK*.⁴⁸



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Undermining Ethnic Cleansing



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Undermining Ethnic Cleansing

In both the occupied West Bank and the besieged Gaza Strip, Western media has undermined clear acts of ethnic cleansing as displacement, evacuation, and seizure.⁴⁹

The intentional refusal to use this framing omits the intentional, preplanned nature of Israeli ethnic cleansing, instead portraying it as a product of war or conflict, and suggests that Israel's long-term goal to

occupy all of Palestine is just a series of short-term displacements and evacuations.⁵⁰

Terms such as seizure and evacuation all confer on Israel a moral and governmental authority, as if it is acting upon humanitarian impulses or within its jurisdiction, rather than enacting an expansionist, Jewish supremacist project.⁵¹

**The
Guardian**

**Netanyahu says new offensive in Gaza
focused on consolidating seizure of
territory**

B B C NEWS

**Israel security cabinet approves plan
to 'capture' Gaza, official says**

**The
Guardian**

**Israel is 'seizing territory' and will
'divide up' Gaza, Netanyahu says**

Undermining Ethnic Cleansing continued...

BBC NEWS

Israel intensifies Gaza City attacks as UN warns of 'horrific' consequences for displaced families

The Guardian

Israeli plan to displace 1 million Palestinians spreads fear in Gaza

The Guardian

Israel launches waves of Gaza airstrikes after new displacement orders

Undermining Ethnic Cleansing continued...

B B C NEWS

**'We're exhausted from displacement,
exhausted from war' - Gazans tell BBC**

B B C NEWS

**Palestinians flee Gaza City districts
as Israel says first stages of offensive
have begun**

“Time and again, headlines obscured the perpetrator of attacks, downplayed Palestinian suffering, and cast doubt on Palestinian sources, while validating Israel’s attacks on hospitals, homes and schools by saying they were “targeting Hamas”. In doing so, Western media helped to whitewash Israel’s crimes and the complicity of its allies.

But perhaps the gravest offence is the refusal to call what it happening by its name: genocide.”

Assal Rad

Historian & Author ⁵²



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Racist Treatment of Palestinian Interviewees



Racist Treatment of Palestinian Interviewees

Removing documentaries about the genocide under pressure from Israeli lobbyists

Gaza: How to Survive a Warzone

The BBC pulled its documentary *Gaza: How to Survive a Warzone* from iPlayer because it made a “significant failing in relation to accuracy”.⁵³

The documentary was pulled because the narrator’s father worked as an Agriculture Minister for the Palestinian government in Gaza, and despite being a child, he was no longer deemed ‘objective’ and ‘accurate’, despite living through genocide, because his father worked for the government.⁵⁴

This clearly smeared not just all government workers as Hamas or terrorists, but even their family members – implicitly justifying attacks against government officials’ family members.⁵⁵

Gaza: Medics Under Fire

In February 2025, the BBC shelved its documentary *Gaza: Medics Under Fire* before it was broadcast “due to impartiality concerns”, stating the BBC was “determined to report all aspects of the conflict in the Middle East impartially and fairly”.⁵⁶

The documentary was pulled due to comments by the production company’s founder, Ben De Pear, at the Sheffield Documentary Festival, and another of the film’s directors, journalist Ramita Navai, on Radio 4, stating that Israel had “become a rogue state that’s committing war crimes and ethnic cleansing and mass murdering Palestinians”.⁵⁷

Incentivising false testimonies

Palestinian journalist Abubaker Abed revealed that Western media outlets were offering large sums of money to desperate Palestinians in Gaza to produce faked videos and provide false eyewitness accounts that deny Israel’s forced starvation of Gaza and present Hamas as stealing aid.⁵⁸

Forcing Palestinians to declare their political affiliations

The BBC, among other outlets, forces Palestinian interviewees to declare whether they or their family members have affiliations with Hamas, as a precondition of being interviewed – as if their political affiliations somehow invalidate their experiences of genocide.⁵⁹

As Palestinian journalist Abubaker Abed points out, this questioning is not applied to Israelis interviewed on the BBC, who do not have to declare whether they have served in the IOF or are members of fascist Israeli political parties.⁶⁰

“Journalists need to first and foremost be steadfast in their understanding of this as a genocide, as war crimes and a deliberate campaign of erasure. That is the starting point and without it, everything else is redundant.”

Wael al-Dahdouh

Palestinian journalist from the besieged Gaza Strip, whose wife, two of his children, and his grandson, were targeted and killed by the IOF.⁶¹



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Centring Genocidal Zionist Voices



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BBC NEWS

▪ Iran nuclear talks in Oman have been cancelled

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Centring Genocidal Zionist Voices

Western media has continued to platform genocidal Zionist propagandists, and failed to disclose their personal ties to the Israeli government, IOF, Israeli companies, and Zionist lobby financing.⁶²

Western media continues to invite Israeli spokespeople as interviewees on talk shows and radio to discuss Israel's genocide, despite their active role in aiding and abetting genocide.⁶³ For example, in June 2025, the BBC interviewed Israeli Ambassador to the UK, Tzipi Hotovely, who used the platform to advocate for bombing Iran.⁶⁴

Hotovely was central to the campaign to force the BBC to pull their documentary *Gaza: How to Survive a Warzone*.⁶⁵

Western media also platforms Zionists and Zionist collaborators to write op-eds despite their clear bias and fascist beliefs. Notable examples include *The Times*' publication of an op-ed coauthored by wanted war criminal Yoav Gallant,⁶⁶ the *Wall Street Journal*'s publication of an op-ed by Yasser Abu Shabab,⁶⁷ who is not only funded by Israel to destroy Hamas but is also illiterate in English, and *The BBC* and *The Telegraph*'s platforming of Colonel Richard Kemp - director and trustee of UK Friends of the Association for the Wellbeing of Israel's Soldiers (UK-AWIS), a British charity that raises money to support the IOF.⁶⁸

BYLINE TIMES
— WHAT THE PAPERS DON'T SAY —

BBC Admits 'Regret' After Again Failing to Disclose British Colonel's Links to Israeli Defence Force

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

Gazans Are Finished With Hamas

By Yasser Abu Shabab

Centring Genocidal Zionist Voices continued...

The Telegraph

There are no 'journalists' in Gaza. Just Hamas propaganda operatives

By Richard Kemp

THE  TIMES

**Israel has done most of the job —
now Trump can finish it**

By Niall Ferguson and Yoav Gallant

“The UK media is starting to mildly criticise Israel, 20 months in. It’s too little too late.

When critical coverage was needed to expose atrocities and shift public understanding, they collectively diluted Israel’s crimes and manufactured consent for Palestinian suffering. Seen by the world. Etched in history. Never forgotten.

Their complicity will not be whitewashed.”

Hamza Yusuf
Palestinian journalist
for *Declassified UK*.⁶⁹

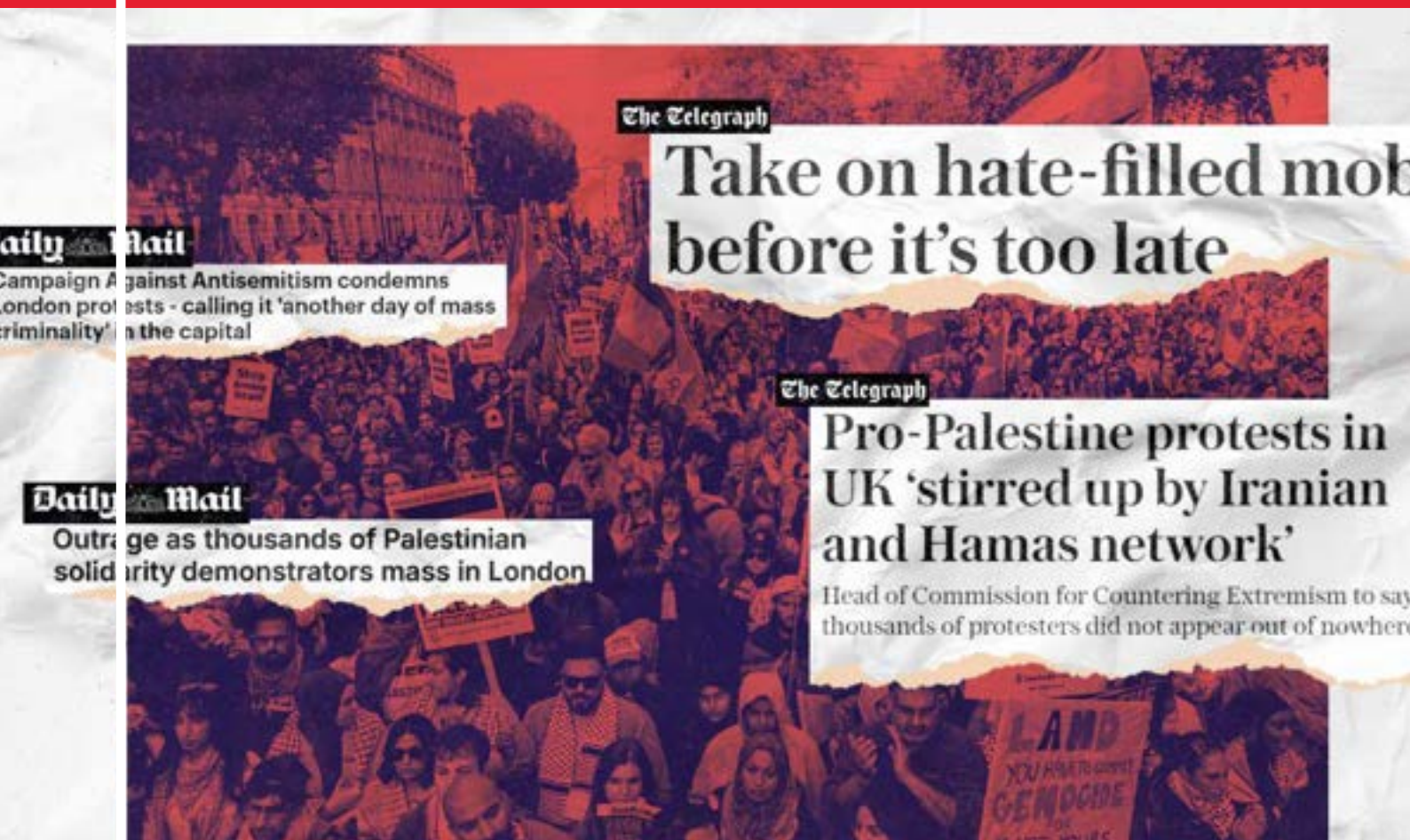


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Demonising pro-Palestine Protests

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Demonising pro-Palestine Protests

Throughout the second year of genocide, Western media has continued its relentless demonisation of pro-Palestine protests as violent, anti-Semitic, and terrorist-adjacent, manufacturing consent for police brutality against protesters, the proscription of pro-Palestine organisations, and the delegitimisation of protestors' demands.⁷⁰

Western media has worked hand in glove with Western governments to marginalise protests against government policies towards Israel and lay the foundation for increased government legislation restricting people's right to protest and right to free speech – despite these values supposedly being central to the very foundation of journalism.⁷¹

The Telegraph

Pro-Palestine protesters shout anti-Semitic threats and insults in London march

sky news

Police condemn 'intolerable abuse' at Palestine Action protest - as more than 425 arrests made

BBC NEWS

Sister of 7 October victim condemns pro-Palestine student protests

Demonising pro-Palestine Protests continued...

BBC NEWS

Starmer tells protesters to 'respect grief of British Jews'

The Telegraph

Pro-Palestine protesters 'gloating about Manchester synagogue attack'

The Telegraph

Palestine Action supporters arrested as hundreds defy calls to show respect

The Guardian

UCLA agrees to \$6.5m settlement with Jewish students over pro-Palestinian protests

“As an organisation we have not offered any significant analysis of the UK government’s involvement in the war on Palestinians. We have failed to report on weapons sales or their legal implications. These stories have instead been broken by the BBC’s competitors. [...]

This hasn’t happened by accident, rather by design. Much of the BBC’s coverage in this area is defined by anti-Palestinian racism.”

Excerpt from a letter from over 100 BBC employees and 300 other media figures complaining that the BBC has become a mouthpiece for Israel.⁷²



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Normalising Occupation



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Normalising Occupation

Western media outlets have continued to normalise the occupation of Palestinian land in the occupied West Bank, southern Lebanon, and Syria, presenting occupation as natural or inevitable.⁷³

Media outlets constantly use euphemisms such as ‘controversial’ to undermine the illegality

of occupation, and ‘drive out’ or ‘conflict’ as a euphemism for ethnic cleansing.⁷⁴

Despite clear evidence of Zionism’s expansionism and threat to the entire region, Western media continues to detach settlers’ actions from the genocidal ideology to which they subscribe.⁷⁵

Le Monde

**In the West Bank, Israel
shuts down any prospect of
a Palestinian state**

AP

**Why Israel is expanding its frontiers
into Gaza, Lebanon and Syria**

sky news

What are West Bank settlements, who
are settlers, and why are they
controversial?

Normalising Occupation continued...

**The
Guardian**

'Last nail in the coffin': Israeli settlers push on with fresh West Bank land grab

B B C NEWS

Israel approves controversial West Bank settlement project

The New York Times

Israel Launches New Ground Incursion in Lebanon, Raising Fears for Truce

B B C NEWS

Bowen: Israeli settlers intensify campaign to drive out West Bank Palestinians

Normalising Occupation continued...

FT FINANCIAL
TIMES

“Israeli annexation of the West Bank would be
‘red line’ for UAE”

FRANCE
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**West Bank settlers defy
Palestinian statehood hopes on
the ground**

sky news

On the side of a busy road outside the West Bank
city of Ramallah, I'm speaking to Mohammed Robin.

B B C NEWS

**Israeli settlers in West Bank see
Trump win as chance to go further**

Normalising Occupation continued...



REUTERS

**How Israel's West Bank
strategy aims to bury
Palestinian statehood**

The New York Times

***Israel Digs In Beyond Its
Northern Border***

BBC NEWS

**Israel seizes Golan buffer zone after
Syrian troops leave positions**

Normalising Occupation continued...

**The
Guardian**

Benjamin Netanyahu says Golan Heights will remain part of Israel 'for eternity'

B B C NEWS

Satellite imagery reveals Israeli military construction in buffer zone with Syria

“A switch has now been collectively flicked: “End the deafening silence”, demanded the Independent’s editorial, followed by an extensive report a fortnight later by the paper’s international correspondent about how exactly we ever got to this point, including, notably, the genocidal intent expressed by Israeli ministers, a context rarely acknowledged in previous coverage. In trying to explain how we got here, the Independent inadvertently showed exactly why we did.

One newspaper this spring outlined the “horror in Gaza”, centring the crippling siege Israel imposed and the resulting engineered famine. It was penned by a journalist who repeated IDF claims about a beheaded baby in October 2023, a claim still live on the same website.

The Financial Times and The Economist followed suit: the latter’s leader now unambiguously stating the war “must” end. On November 8, 2023, its leader said Israel “must” fight on.”

Hamza Yusuf

Palestinian journalist for *Declassified UK*.⁷⁶



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ISRAEL-GAZA WAR

Four fragile lives found ended in evacuated Gaza hospital

BY MIRIAM BERGER,
EVAN HILL,
AND HAZEM BALOUSHA

HEBREW — The nurse in the besieged hospital was caring for five premature babies. Infants, born before a month of war, unknown. Now he faced the most difficult decision of his life.

It was the height of Israel's assault on northern Gaza last month and al-Nasr Children's Hospital was a war zone. The day before, Israeli strikes had cut off the Gaza Strip's facility's oxygen supplies. Israeli tanks had surrounded the hospital complex, and the Israeli Defense Forces were calling and threatening the doctors, urging them to leave.

But ambulances couldn't safely reach al-Nasr to transport the wounded, and doctors refused to leave the facility without their patients.

The premature babies were particularly vulnerable. They needed oxygen, and medication administered at regular intervals. There were no portable respirators or incubators to transport them without life support, the nurse said. They wouldn't survive an evacuation.

The IDF delivered an ultimatum: al-Nasr director Bakir al-Qasbi told The Washington Post: Get out. Or be bombed. An Israeli official, meanwhile, provided assurance that ambulances could be arranged to retrieve patients.

The nurse, a Palestinian man who works with Paris-based Doctors Without Borders, says no choice. He assessed his charges and picked up the strongest one — the baby, the nurse liked, to be the last to leave. He turned his back on the others.



Premature babies who were evacuated from al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza. In northern Gaza's al-Nasr Children's Hospital, some who were particularly vulnerable were left behind.

them off the oxygen they would have died."

Two weeks later, the pause in hostilities allowed a Gazan journalist to venture into the hospital. In the neonatal intensive care unit, Mohammed Balousha made the awful discovery.

The decomposing bodies of the four babies. Eaten by worms. Blackened by mold. Mauled, Balousha said, by stray dogs.

"A terrible and horrific scene," he told The Post. He took video.

The grim discovery was a reminder of the harrowing civilian toll of Israel's war to eradicate Hamas, a campaign that has spared neither hospitals nor children. Thousands of babies have died

Israel has long accused Hamas of hiding, commanding and controlling centers in hospitals; the hidden administration has backed the claim. Hamas and Gaza medical staff deny it. Israel has occupied and searched hospitals during the conflict, but the accusations have not been proved.

Still, Israeli commanders have made the territory's health-care infrastructure a focus of the military campaign. A month into the war, that included al-Nasr.

It was Nov. 10 when Israeli forces told al-Nasr's staff they had to leave, according to Qasbi, the hospital director. "They sent us a map for a safe route," he told The Post in a WhatsApp message.

Ministry, the al-Rantisi official requested ambulances. In a recording of that call released by the Israeli Defense Forces, a senior COGAT officer responds in Arabic: "No problem."

The senior COGAT officer tells the al-Rantisi official that he will "arrange coordination" for ambulances. He gives the precise route that medical staff should take out of the complex.

The al-Rantisi official reminds COGAT that staff will also be evacuating al-Nasr. The COGAT officer acknowledges the reminder.

Qasbi, too, said there was "coordination with the Red Cross and Israeli army that we will go

Sarah Davies, a spokeswoman for the International Committee of the Red Cross in Jerusalem, said the agency made no guarantees and could not safely reach the hospital.

The evacuation was painful. There was no way to reach the babies' families, the nurse said. He had no contact information, and communications in much of Gaza were down. Their parents had been "displaced people," he summed, "who knew their children were in the hospital and didn't think the hospital would be hit or seized by the occupation."

"They thought they left them in safety."

It was time to leave. The nurse gathered up the strongest baby, made sure the others' respirators were working, and, still wearing his scrubs, walked with his family out of the hospital to begin the 18-mile journey, much of it on foot, south to Khan Younis.

On the road, the nurse found an ambulance to take the baby in his arms to al-Shifa Hospital, Gaza's largest. Israeli forces would raid that facility days later. The World Health Organization eventually evacuated 31 premature babies from al-Shifa. By then, several others had died.

On Nov. 24, after nearly seven weeks of fighting, Israel and Hamas began a week-long pause to exchange captives and allow more aid into Gaza.

Balousha, a journalist with the Dubai-based Al-Mashhad channel, took advantage of the relative calm to venture into Gaza City and report on corpses left out. On Nabil Tammar Street, he found two bodies, a man and a woman. Someone had covered them in a blanket.

wall" through broken buildings to reach the medical complex.

As he approached the neonatal intensive care unit, he said, he "started to smell a foul odor." He turned his camera on.

When Al-Mashhad aired the report, it blurred the remains. The channel gave an unaltered copy of the video to The Post, which verified that it was recorded inside al-Nasr's pediatric intensive care unit by comparing it with images of the facility from before the war.

The remains, still hooked up to respirators, bear little resemblance to bodies. They appear as piles of rotting flesh, bones protruding, body parts difficult to make out. Soiled-looking diapers remain wrapped around their middles.

Balousha described the scene on camera and hurried out of the unit.

The nurse, who reviewed the video, said the corpses were found where he had left the babies. No one had come for them.

Qasbi, the al-Nasr director, said the Israeli military "was informed there were cases" left inside the hospital, but "was determined to evacuate."

Davies, the Red Cross spokeswoman, said the organization "received several requests to evacuate hospitals in the north of Gaza, but due to this security situation, we were not involved in any operations of evacuations, nor did teams commit to doing so."

No one has emerged to claim the bodies. There has been no indication, the nurse said, that the parents knew their children are dead.

He remains haunted by the event. He believes he nearly ran

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Covering their Tracks: The ‘Humanitarian Pivot’

From the end of July 2025 onwards, Western media organisations began to pivot towards covering the ‘humanitarian’ catastrophe in Gaza, criticising Israel’s policy of forced starvation in Gaza, particularly with regards to Palestinian women and children.⁷⁷

This pivot is clearly an attempt to deflect from criticism of their pro-Israel bias, and to evade accountability for their role in greenlighting Israel’s genocide.⁷⁸ It is an attempt to retrospectively adopt a ‘neutral’ position, despite producing ardently Zionist content for the past two years.⁷⁹

Moreover, this humanitarian pivot is not humanising of Palestinians. The only Palestinians this narrative deems worthy of compassion are those being starved to death – and particularly women and children.⁸⁰ Palestinian men, and those who support the resistance, are excluded – Palestinians must be ‘perfect victims’ – so weak they can barely survive – to be deemed worthy not only of news headlines, but of humane consideration.⁸¹

BBC NEWS

How Israel's policies created famine in Gaza

CNN World

How Israeli actions caused famine in Gaza, visualized

The Guardian

UN warns of ‘grave’ concerns for fuel and food in famine-hit northern Gaza – as it happened

Covering their Tracks: The ‘Humanitarian Pivot’ continued...

**The
Guardian**

**The mathematics of starvation: how
Israel caused a famine in Gaza**

**The
Guardian**

**Declaration of famine in Gaza lays bare
Israel’s disregard for humanitarian duty**

“How can your brothers and sisters in the profession be killed, their limbs shredded into pieces, and it moves nobody?”

Wael al-Dahdouh

Palestinian journalist from the besieged Gaza Strip, whose wife, two of his children, and his grandson, were all targeted and killed by the IOF.⁸²



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The Fight for Justice



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The Fight for Justice

Western media outlets must be held to account for aiding and abetting Israel's genocide in Gaza.⁸³

Complaints procedures, article redactions, and public apologies are not sufficient. Western media must be held criminally responsible for platforming views that directly and publicly incited genocide.⁸⁵

As established by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, those who mastermind media campaigns to desensitise the public to genocide, and incite genocide, and ethnically stereotype in a manner that promotes contempt and hatred, can be found guilty under international law.⁸⁶

This legal precedent must be used for the prosecution of Western media executives, editors, journalists, and broadcasters - a firm and determined objective of the [PAL Commission](#), which Sawtuna unequivocally supports.

We will continue to fight for justice for the hundreds of thousands of Palestinians in Gaza sentenced to death by the Zionist Western media machine.

“As a condition to accept interviewing them, they would ask them these questions: Do you have any political affiliations? Or, do you support Hamas? The BBC will never ever ask Israelis if they or their parents have participated in genocide. They will never ask Israelis if they belong to the Likud or Shas parties in Israel, but the BBC will keep platforming them. [...]”

Media outlets in the UK which are very complicit in the genocide, [...] they are masquerading as impartial reporters – which is untrue. They are still regurgitating and parroting Israel’s lies because, simply, they are cheap sellouts. They’re ready to sell their humanity for a few pounds, and that’s how they are.”

Abubaker Abed

Palestinian journalist from Gaza in an interview with *The Electronic Intifada*.⁸⁷



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