**Journalists Join Forces In a Global First for Press Freedom in Gaza

A partnership between Reporters Without Borders, Avaaz and the International Federation of Journalists**

**Overview:**

*On September 1st, over 150 media outlets from 50 countries will unite to make world leaders understand that they have a duty to stop the Israeli army's crimes against journalists, to resume evacuations of journalists who wish to leave Gaza, and to secure independent access to the Palestinian enclave for the international press.*
Print outlets will run blacked-out front pages, digital outlets will change their homepages, and broadcasters and radio stations will pause programming to share the unified message.

Journalists can join in too. Details of what you can do are below.

# **Why this matters**

For 23 months, the Israeli authorities have refused to grant journalists outside of Gaza independent access to the Palestinian territory – a situation that is without precedent in modern warfare.

Local journalists, those best positioned to tell the truth, face displacement and starvation. To date, at least 210 journalists have been killed by the Israeli military, according to RSF. Many more have been injured and face constant threats to their lives for doing their jobs: bearing witness.

This is a direct attack on press freedom and the right to information.

More Info:

* **Press Release on the action:**
	+ <https://rsf.org/en/over-210-journalists-killed-gaza-rsf-and-avaaz-call-media-worldwide-stage-major-operation-1>
	+ <https://rsf.org/fr/plus-de-210-journalistes-tu%C3%A9s-%C3%A0-gaza-rsf-et-avaaz-appellent-les-m%C3%A9dias-du-monde-entier-%C3%A0-une>
* **RSF’s Gaza reporting hub:**
	+ <https://rsf.org/en/gaza-least-four-more-journalists-killed-israeli-army-rsf-repeats-call-emergency-un-security-council>
	+ <https://rsf.org/en/gaza-rsf-calls-emergency-un-security-council-meeting-after-targeted-israeli-strike-kills-six-media>
* **RSF-led open letter signed by 200+ outlets:**
	+ <https://rsf.org/en/gaza-rsf-cpj-and-over-130-media-outlets-call-opening-strip-foreign-journalists-and-protecting>

**What this coordination is all about:**In response, media outlets, press freedom organizations and journalists around the world are joining forces on Monday, September 1st.

In a world-first, around 150 media outlets from some 50 countries, alongside journalists and press freedom organisations, will unite to demand that Israel open Gaza’s borders for international journalists to be able to report freely and that Israel abides by its international obligations to protect journalists as civilians.

Outlets will print front pages that are blacked out with just the unified message (below). Digital outlets will change their homepages. Broadcast and radio outlets will pause and share this message: *“At the rate journalists are being killed in Gaza by the Israeli army, there will soon be no one left to keep you informed. In nearly 23 months, at least 210 journalists have been killed by the Israeli army in this territory, according to Reporters Without Borders. We join with more than 150 other media outlets across the world, to condemn these crimes. And we call on the Israeli authorities to allow independent access for the international press in the Gaza Strip.”*

# **What journalists can do on September 1**

# As journalists, you can join in this historic coordination and get involved too.

# **Unified Message**

# *"At the rate journalists are being killed in Gaza by the Israeli army, there will soon be no one left to keep you informed."#ProtectJournalistsInGaza#LetReportersIntoGaza*

**Social Media:**

* Post this message on X/Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, and LinkedIn, using the provided graphics. Tag @RSF\_inter, @Avaaz, and @IFJGlobal and use *#ProtectJournalistsInGaza
#LetReportersIntoGaza*
* Personal Message: Record a short video of yourself reading the unified message. Share it with the hashtags.
* Follow @RSF\_inter, @Avaaz, @IFJGlobal on social media and repost or share the content we will be releasing on the day

### **Your own website or substack:**

* Replace your front page, homepage, or top banner with the blackout graphic and unified message.
* If you would like some more information about the issue for an article, do please reach out at the contact details below.

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# **Assets:**

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# To make it easy to participate, we have included some assets that you can download below. There are two slight visual variations for you to choose.

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# [English](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LMKQd6H2eVf9xQmAffBFkKn6fKG17b7v)

# [Arabic](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-AG5EYfF4lsuWKEhptd-8kEk0wNfhx0y?usp=sharing)

# [Hebrew](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/175UJA2RF3eXnXB1x95eRaZl8Lv48wlJz?usp=sharing)

* [French](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17S0gnR3-FIrShiFyHTqpCMZZVr0RBcuG?usp=sharing)
* [German](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1McXxqB7ij18M9ITQqSxa5ihGVvlvXCdx?usp=sharing)
* [Spanish](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1snupjhIL2bkeDOLWXd9nVrNdDrE1FWe5?usp=sharing)

# [Portuguese](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1H4WJahV6tNDr46a9REpqzE2-7AKz6_1x?usp=sharing)

# [Italian](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zjt260EFVkygIQcIDiFVBu538KKk28CS?usp=sharing)

# [Japanese](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1F1Jq6C2FigfWqjWxRhijdyXMNuQbTDM0?usp=sharing)

# [Chinese](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11rLBhl3TIhFTtHnXIcr73EGyH_itO_cC?usp=sharing)

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