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Press Release

JSI Condemns Alarming Casualties of Journalists in Israel-Hamas War

JSI strongly condemns the killing of journalists reporting from the frontline of the unfortunate killing of innocent Israeli civilians by Hamas, and the ongoing massacre of the Palestinian people by the Israeli army.

JSI has so far documented the killing of eleven journalists, the latest one being a Reuters journalist. The journalist, Issam Abdallah, was killed on Friday October 13 2023 when he was caught up in cross-border shelling along the frontier with Lebanon, JSI gathers.

Six other journalists, including two from AFP, were also injured in the deadly attack by the Israeli forces. We strongly condemn the killings whether targeted or not, of journalists who at great personal cost, go to the frontline to shine light on the act of war crime which is currently unfolding right under our noses.

There have also been reports of targeted attack on crew members from a particular news outlet by the Israeli occupational forces. Though unverified, we urge the warring factions, Israel and Hamas, to resist every temptation to place their crosshairs on journalists doing their work in the war zone.

If either of the warring factions has a legitimate claim for killing innocent civilians, they should rather work hand in hand with the journalists to document what should be a water tight evidence to support their inhumane attacks when the case is hopefully called at the International criminal court someday.

JSI also calls on both sides, the Israeli occupational forces and Hamas to end the hostilities.