



Speaking Peace to Power

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Shireen Abu Akleh

We are disturbed to learn of the killing of Palestinian-American Al-Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh in the West Bank on May 11 of this year. Abu Akleh's death was an attack on a journalist who was wearing her press gear. No journalist should be killed while simply doing their job.

We strongly condemn her death and call for an independent and thorough investigation into the incident. We request that you do the same. We have leveled serious sanctions against Russia for, among other crimes, targeting journalists. We should, at a minimum, make further military assistance to Israel conditional upon discontinuation of violations of human rights.

| Atrocities and War Crimes | Russian War Crimes Against Ukrainians | Israeli War Crimes Against Palestinians |
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| Targeting of Journalists | <u>Ukraine Feb. 24 -Mar. 23, 2022</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•148 instances of targeting journalists.•5 journalists killed & 7 wounded (1) | <u>War on Gaza Jun-Aug. 2014</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•17 Palestinian journalists killed (2) <u>Occupied Territories 2018 -Apr. 2022</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•2 Palestinian journalists killed, 144 wounded & beaten in Gaza, the West Bank & East Jerusalem during weekly Friday protest marches (3) |

1. "Journalists targeted 148 times by Russia during war: Report"
<https://www.newsweek.com/journalists-targeted-148-times-russia-during-war-report-1692113>
2. "17 Journalists Killed in Gaza Since Beginning of Israeli Aggression."
<https://imemc.org/article/68964/>
3. Israel-Palestine: Four years of violence against Palestinian journalists covering 'March of Return' protests
<https://rsf.org/en/news/israel-palestine-four-years-violence-against-palestinian-journalists-covering-march-return-protests>