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FCCJ Condemns Gaza Airstrike

The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan condemns Saturday's Israeli airstrike on a building in Gaza City that housed offices of the Associated Press, Al-Jazeera and other media organizations.

The FCCJ is relieved to learn that all employees evacuated the building safely before it was attacked, but notes that valuable equipment required to report on the ground in Gaza was destroyed.

Journalists must be able to perform their duties free of intimidation and the threat of injury or loss of life, irrespective of where they are based and which story they are covering.

The FCCJ calls on all sides to ensure that journalists in the area, both staff and freelance, are permitted to go about their work so that they may continue to report on this complex and important story.

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