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### FoP Statement

#### Updated statement on journalist deaths in Gaza and Lebanon

The FCCJ Freedom of the Press Committee once again condemns the systemic attacks on journalists and the media infrastructure since the start of Israel's campaign in Gaza following Hamas's murderous killing spree in Israel on October 7th last year.

We are also deeply concerned by the latest [reports](#) by the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) on the continuing loss of journalists' lives as the campaign is extended to Lebanon.

Between 2023-24, a total of 118 journalists were killed in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory, according to the CPJ data. At least three other journalists have been killed in Lebanon since Israel began its latest strikes against Hezbollah last month. On October 25 at about 3 a.m., an airstrike [hit](#) a compound housing 18 journalists from different media outlets in south Lebanon's Hasbaya area. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said it struck a Hezbollah military structure in Hasbaya where "terrorists were operating." As per [BBC's](#) reporting, IDF received reports "several hours after the strike" that journalists had been hit. The incident is under review.

On top of arrests and detainments of journalists, a statement by CPJ dated November 8 lists the following among violations against the media in northern Gaza: starvation and aid blocks; coverage constraints; equipment shortages; restricting medical care; and terror allegations against journalists.

The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan supports the call by Reporters Without Borders urging the United Nations Security Council to enforce its Resolution 2222 on the protection of journalists in Gaza. RSF has cited Israel's failure to comply with its obligations to safeguard journalists under applicable international law. Resolution 2222 requires that measures be taken to protect "journalists, media professionals, and associated personnel" in the field. By extension, the resolution protects the freedom of war reporters to cover what is happening, and everyone's right to news and information in war time. More than three quarters of the 99 journalists and media workers killed worldwide in 2023 died in the Israel-Gaza war, the majority of them Palestinians killed in Israeli attacks on Gaza. The conflict claimed the lives of more journalists in three months than have ever been killed in a single country over an entire year. The FCCJ condemns all attacks on journalists and demands action by the UN to enforce its resolution to protect all news media workers.

The Freedom of the Press Committee