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Global news leaders sign open letter in support of journalists in Gaza

Dozens of news organisation leaders from across the world, including the *Associated Press, Agence France-Presse, BBC, Daily Maverick and Reuters*, have signed an open letter affirming their solidarity with journalists reporting in Gaza.



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The letter was coordinated by the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) with the support of the World Association of News Publishers (WAN-IFRA).

"For nearly five months, journalists and media workers in Gaza – overwhelmingly, the sole source of on-the-ground reporting from within the Palestinian territory – have been working in unprecedented conditions," the letter reads. "...These journalists – on whom the international news media and the international community rely for information about the situation inside Gaza – continue to report despite grave personal risk."

The letter goes on to remind the international community that journalists are civilians and authorities must protect journalists as noncombatants according to international law.

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A total of at least 94 journalists have been killed in the Israel-Gaza war; the majority of them (89) were Palestinians have been killed.

The signatories include outlets from Estonia, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, India, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Mexico, Pakistan, the Philippines, Qatar, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Read the letter and the signatories here.

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