



*Joint Statement:*

## **Six Organizations in Southeast Asia Condemn Killing of Journalists in Gaza Strip**

We, the undersigned Six journalist organizations in Southeast Asia condemn the killing of journalists and other civilians with impunity and see this as fundamental violations of international human rights and humanitarian laws, including the Geneva Conventions. We convey our solidarity for all journalists and media workers working in the Gaza Strip that face high risk in the military operations between Israel and Hamas.

More than 5,000 people were killed and 18,000 injured in the military operations between Israel and Hamas from 7 October 2023 in the Gaza Strip, among them were journalists and media workers. The [Committee to Protect Journalists \(CPJ\)](#) reported at least 23 journalists were killed in the operation from 7 to 23 October 2023. The killed journalists comprised of 19 Palestinians, three Israelis, and one Lebanese. Meanwhile, dozens of journalists were either injured, reported missing, or detained.

We call on all those involved in the operations to stop the killings and attacks against all civilians including journalists working in the Gaza Strip. Further, we call on the [United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967](#) to initiate an immediate investigation on these killings and attacks.

We believe the role of journalists in conflict areas is crucial to report on the needs of the affected communities, and to provide accurate and impartial information on what is really happening on the field to allow the international community to understand the situation, including the decades of persecution and human rights violations perpetrated against the Palestinians

We call on journalists to uphold journalistic independence, preferring peace journalism and prioritizing the interests of civilians who become victims of the operation

The international community must take a unified stance to demand that all use of force be stopped with immediate effect.

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