





Documentary Evidence of Hamas-Al Jazeera Relations and Cooperation

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Overview¹

- The Al Jazeera network, controlled by Qatar's ruling family, is one of the most prominent media outlets in the Arab world. For years, it has promoted radical Sunni Islam agendas, including those of Hamas.
- During the Gaza Strip War, Al Jazeera gave Hamas' political and military leadership a platform for conveying their messages and promoted Hamas' psychological warfare by showing videos of hostages, exclusive broadcasts of "ceremonies" for the release of hostages and pictures of Hamas terrorists attacking IDF forces in the Gaza Strip. Meanwhile, the network systematically ignored anti-Hamas protests in the Gaza Strip.
- ▶ Hamas documents brought back from the Gaza Strip by IDF forces showed that the cooperation and media coordination between Hamas and Al Jazeera were neither random nor isolated but systematic, organized and continuous. They showed Hamas' transfer of coverage guidelines and instructions to the network's management to influence its editorial policy on issues related to the movement and established a secure phone line between the movement's military emergency operations room and Al Jazeera.
- The documents showed that many journalists who worked for Al Jazeera in the Gaza Strip were simultaneously operatives in Hamas' military wing. Some of them accompanied the waves of infiltration into Israeli territory during the October 7, 2023 attack and massacre.
- Research indicates that for years, especially during the Gaza Strip War, Hamas regarded Al Jazeera not merely as a media platform for reporting and message transmission but as an integral part of the movement's propaganda, delegitimization of Israel, and psychological warfare machine.
- ▶Even after the announcement of the ceasefire agreement, Al Jazeera continues to provide extensive coverage of Hamas and its messages while emphasizing both the movement's

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survival and the high price the war exacted from Israel. Continued cooperation between Hamas and Al Jazeera is also evident in the exclusive coverage granted to the network's correspondents and their access to locations where hostages and bodies are transferred to the Red Cross.

Background

The Al Jazeera network was established in Qatar in 1996 as a commercial-news-current-affairs network and quickly became an important medium in the Arab and Islamic world.

It represents itself as a platform for a variety of opinions, including those not within the Arab world's consensus, and prides itself on its slogan "The opinion and the other opinion." However, an analysis of its media agenda, content, terminology and editorials shows that it is biased in favor of elements identified with radical Sunni Islam, including the Hamas movement.

▶Qatar has maintained close relations with the Hamas movement for years. Hamas' "external" leadership resides in Doha, and Qatar provides the movement with financial support in the form of grants, humanitarian aid and assistance for civilian projects. Qatar also uses Al Jazeera to give Hamas extensive exposure for its propaganda and the narratives it seeks to promote.²

Al Jazeera's Media Support for Hamas

For years, Al Jazeera, with its large number of viewers, has been a central media platform for Hamas for conveying its messages, mobilizing public opinion, and gaining regional and international media legitimacy

Al Jazeera's rhetoric, both during and between wars, is clearly anti-Israeli and pro-Hamas, often identical with the terminology used by Hamas and other Palestinian terrorist organizations. The network's reporters, anchors, and news presenters consistently refer to Palestinian terrorist operatives as *mujahideen* or *muqawimin* (jihad fighters or "resistance" fighters), and after their deaths they are called shaheeds (martyrs who died for the sake of Allah), while the IDF is described as the "occupation army" and IDF soldiers as "occupation soldiers." In addition, a Hamas attack is defined as an *amalia* (operation), while IDF actions are defined as *aduan* (aggression), the same terms used by Hamas.

² For further information, see the March 2008 ITIC report, <u>Throughout the recent escalation, the Palestinian propaganda campaign has frequently employed the term "holocaust" to provide a false description of IDF activity in the Gaza Strip.</u>



Al Jazeera airs a video with the headline, "Occupation soldiers fall under the fire of the resistance" (Al Jazeera, April 23, 2025)

The trend gained ground during the October 7, 2023 attack and massacre, when Al Jazeera provided live coverage of the infiltration of Hamas terrorists into Israeli territory and broadcast footage from its field reporters, some of whom were proven to be affiliated with Hamas' military wing, documenting the deliberate attacks on Israeli communities near the Gaza Strip and on IDF bases. In a widely circulated video, senior members of Hamas' political leadership, led by Ismail Haniyeh, head of the political bureau, were seen in a hotel room in Turkey watching Al Jazeera's live broadcasts documenting Hamas' assault from the field and holding a "thanksgiving" prayer for the "victory" (Shehab News Agency, October 7, 2023).





Right: Hamas leadership watching Al Jazeera's coverage of the October 7 attack. Left: members of the leadership in a "thanksgiving" prayer after watching (Quds News Agency, October 7, 2023)

Throughout the war Al Jazeera gave Hamas a platform for its announcements, regularly broadcasting live and recorded statements by senior members of the political and military leadership, often in real time, including statements by the spokesman for Hamas' military

wing, Hudhayfa Kahlut, aka Abu Obeida.³ Al Jazeera also aired interviews, almost on a daily basis, with senior Hamas figures and movement spokespersons, mostly on the issue of indirect negotiations with Israel.





Right: Hamas announcement with the movement's emblem (Al Jazeera YouTube channel, September 17, 2025). Left: Live broadcast of a statement by Khalil al-Hayya, head of the political bureau in the Gaza Strip, on Hamas' position regarding the negotiations (Al Jazeera, September 5, 2025)



Live broadcast of Abu Ubeida's statement confirming the death of Hamas military wing commander Mohammad Deif (Al Jazeera, January 30, 2025)

▶However, Al Jazeera did not only report and relay Hamas' announcements and statements, it became an integral part of the Hamas influence, propaganda, and psychological warfare machine during the war. It spread messages issued by Hamas' media division, led by the Combat Media Unit responsible for producing all "military" content, including attacks by Hamas terrorists on Israeli forces, hostage proof-of-life videos, and false accusations against IDF soldiers, such as the fabricated report claiming that soldiers raped Palestinian women at al-Shifa Hospital and buried dozens of Palestinians in a mass grave (Israel Hayom, May 5, 2024):

³ Eliminated by the IDF in the Gaza Strip on August 30, 2025.

• Military wing productions: Across all its platforms, Al Jazeera spread the psychological warfare materials produced by the Combat Media Unit of Hamas' Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades, which allegedly documented ambushes and attacks on IDF forces. The psychological warfare messages were framed, graphically designed, and highlighted on the network's official social media accounts. In many cases, Hamas' military wing even used it channels to announce exclusive new content to be broadcast on Al Jazeera, to ensure maximum exposure immediately upon release. For example, the following post announcing the pictures from an al-Qassam Brigades ambush of IDF forces:



Post by the military wing announcing the release of footage from an ambush on IDF forces:
"Urgent – Al-Qassam Brigades: shortly... footage from the 'Lion of al-Mantar'4 ambushes of the enemy's soldiers and vehicles in the al-Shuja'iyya neighborhood in eastern Gaza will be broadcast on Al Jazeera on 25-04-2025" (Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades Telegram account, May 15, 2025)

• Videos of Israeli hostages: Al Jazeera broadcast psychological warfare videos produced by the Combat Media Unit of Hamas' military wing, in which Israeli hostages were seen delivering messages dictated by their captors, including calls on the Israeli government to comply with Hamas' demands.

⁴ Al-Mantar is what the Gazans call the Karni Crossing.



Video of Guy Gilboa Dalal, while he was held hostage, reading from a Hamas-dictated script in a video produced by the Combat Media Unit of Hamas' military wing (Al Jazeera, September 5, 2025)

• Coverage of hostage release deals: Al Jazeera broadcast live and in full the "ceremonies" of hostage handovers produced by Hamas as part of the hostage deals, especially during the second ceasefire (January 19–February 27, 2025). In most cases, the live broadcast from the field, often exclusive to Al Jazeera correspondents, began even before the start of the main "ceremony," showing the deployment of Hamas' military wing operatives and reinforcing the narrative that Hamas maintained absolute and unchallenged control of the Gaza Strip, as well as the claims that Hamas treated the hostages "humanely and respectfully."



Right: Broadcast of an Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades procession in Deir al-Balah during the fifth stage of the "prisoner exchange" deal (February 8, 2025). Left: Released hostage Omer Shem Tov on the stage in the al-Nuseirat refugee camp following orders to kiss the head of a Hamas terrorist (February 22, 2025)

• Glorification of the October 7, 2023 attack and massacre: The program "Ma Khufiya A'tham" ("What is Hidden is Greater"), hosted by journalist Tamer al-Mishal, dedicated a

series of episodes to the October 7, 2023 attack and massacre, emphasizing Hamas propaganda, sometimes using videos provided exclusively to the program. One episode included a video of a disguised Yahya al-Sinwar, head of the Hamas political bureau in the Gaza Strip, conducting a field tour in Rafah above ground. The episode also included pictures of Muhammad Deif, commander of the Hamas military wing, in the operations room during the preparations for the attack.⁵





From the program "Ma Khufiya A'tham." Right: al-Sinwar touring Rafah during the war. Left: Mohammad Deif in the operations room (Al Jazeera, January 24, 2025)

• During Gaza Strip War, Al Jazeera aired several exclusive reports documenting Hamas operatives in tunnels. Their objective was to glorify Hamas' use of tunnels and to send the message that despite the IDF's efforts to destroy the Hamas tunnel network, it still managed to use the tunnels "successfully" in a way that gave it an advantage. For example, a report by Wa'el al-Dahdouh showed Hamas tunnels and included interviews with military wing operatives who explained the importance of the tunneling project and said that building a tunnel took years (Al Jazeera Documentary Channel, January 3, 2024). In another report on tunnels, Hamas operatives were filmed rigging a tunnel before the arrival of Israeli forces. The report claimed that the ambush set for the Israeli forces was a success and displayed weapons and IDF military equipment allegedly taken from the field by Hamas operatives (Al Jazeera, April 29, 2024).

⁵ For further information, see the February 2025 ITIC report, <u>Al-Jazeera Program about the October 7</u>, <u>2023, Terrorist Attack and Massacre</u>



Right: Wael al-Dahdouh with a Hamas operative in a tunnel (Al Jazeera Documentary Channel, January 3, 2024). Left: Rigging a tunnel with explosives (Al Jazeera, April 29, 2025)

Silencing Criticism of Hamas

The media exposure Al Jazeera gave Hamas and the coverage slanted in Hamas' favor included the silencing of public criticism of Hamas for the suffering its policies caused the Gazans. Even authentic expressions of criticism of Qatar or Turkey, spoken spontaneously by interviewees during live broadcasts by field reporters, were immediately muted and the reporters hurried to turn the cameras away:

- On November 5, 2023, during a live Al Jazeera broadcast from al-Aqsa Hospital in Gaza, a network reporter interviewed a wounded Palestinian man. When the interviewee began to criticize Hamas for its operatives hiding among civilians, the reporter abruptly cut off the interview. The incident was recorded and spread on social media, and sparked criticism of the network for its conduct (Al Jazeera, November 5, 2023).
- On December 2, 2023, an Al Jazeera reporter was filmed interviewing a Gaza resident and asking him to describe the "massacre" carried out there [by Israel]. But when the Gazan concluded by saying that "Allah will call Qatar and Turkey to account," the reporter pushed him aside and did not allow him to continue (Kan News X account, December 2, 2023).

Al Jazeera's slanted coverage inside the Gaza Strip and its failure to give expression to the Gazans' suffering and distress so as not to damage Hamas' image led to hard feelings and anger. According to reports, given the selectivity, bias and misrepresentations of Al Jazeera's broadcasts, Palestinians in and outside the Gaza Strip used to call the network al-Khinzira ("the sow"). A Gazan named Ramzi, a 29-year-old accountant who was fled with his family to Deir al-Balah from the al-Shuja'iyya refugee camp said, "Anyone who watches Al Jazeera outside Gaza

thinks the Strip has nuclear weapons... the network's coverage creates the feeling that Gaza has a command, control and firepower comparable to Israel's. Viewers do not understand that everything here is chaotic and out of place." He rejected Al Jazeera's portrayal of Hamas as "the Gazans' armed savior," saying that "when demonstrations and protests against Hamas take place in Gaza, Al Jazeera barely covers them, and that is deliberate." He also said Al Jazeera deliberately ignored protests against Hamas and even when it did cover them they were called "public gatherings against the war" because anti-Hamas demonstrations "do not fit their agendas. They have to instruct their reporters, crews and cameras to shape a picture showing that we Gazans are unable to achieve anything without Hamas rule. Al Jazeera ruined our lives. May a curse fall on them" (*Haaretz*, April 16, 2025).

Hamas-Al Jazeera Coordination of News Coverage

Documents brought back from the Gaza Strip by IDF forces provide a glimpse into the coordination between Hamas and Al Jazeera. The documents presented unequivocal evidence of instructions from by Hamas to Al Jazeera dictating how the movement's activity should be covered and ensuring that coverage would not cause image damage to Hamas:

◆ A document from 2022 showed Hamas had instructed Al Jazeera how to report a failed rocket launch by the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) from the Jabalia refugee camp which killed Gazans. Hamas instructed the network to avoid using the term "massacre," to minimize as much as possible showing pictures from the site, and to ensure that commentators on panels would not criticize Hamas for not responding to the incident (IDF Arabic spokesperson's X account, October 24, 2024).

To the journalist brothers, for your information and in accordance with what occurred in the field during this round [of fighting], a major malfunction occurred which led to a very failed launch, causing the rockets to land in the heart of populated areas in the Strip, and as a result shaheeds and wounded fell... and on the following morning two more civilians in Jabalia died as shaheeds as a result of a locally produced rocket falling. We hope you will take this into account in your reports. The journalists were instructed to minimize the use of terms such as "massacre" or similar terms and not to demand that the resistance raise the level of response, since the deadly incidents were not caused by attacks of the occupation. The al-Jazeera news desk was updated on the matter, and it complied with our request and was given clear instructions regarding the need to reduce the presentation of pictures of the massacres. Likewise, the news desk committed not to allow any guest [who was interviewed] to criticize the al-Qassam Brigades in light of their stance on intervention [in practice, non-intervention].



Letter from Hamas' military wing to Al Jazeera, August 16, 2022 (IDF Arabic spokesperson's X account, October 24, 2024)

• Another document from 2022 sent from Hamas' military wing to Al Jazeera included military information produced by the Combat Media Unit of the Jerusalem Brigades, the PIJ's military wing. It stated that the content had been overseen by Khalil al-Bahtini, PIJ military council member and northern sector commander, and its objective was to glorify the deeds of PIJ's military wing. There were personal guidelines regarding the network's well-known journalist, Tamer al-Mishal, concerning an episode that Al Jazeera intended to devote to PIJ's military capabilities in an episode of "Ma Khufiya A'tham" ("What is Hidden is Greater"). The guidelines included a demand to coordinate versions and details with Hamas' military media unit before broadcasting, and to avoid exaggerating the PIJ's rocket capabilities as part of the coverage of PIJ activity during Operation Breaking Dawn, 6 in particular given the failed launches that hit civilians.

⁶ IDF operation against the PIJ in the Gaza Strip in August 2022.

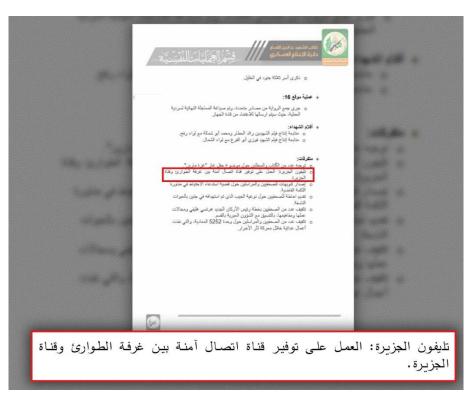
- 2. The military media unit must contact the journalist Tamer al-Mishal so that there will be restrictions on his program with the Jerusalem Brigades as follows: emphasis on the unity of the resistance in the Gaza Strip.
- b. Emphasis on accuracy and matter-of-factness in the accounts of the Jerusalem Brigades. The military media command must be contacted before broadcasting the program for the purpose of verifying accuracy.
- c. Do not exaggerate the rocket capabilities of the Jerusalem Brigades, particularly in light of the fact that in the August round [or the fighting] the rockets fell on civilians. Likewise do not authorize stating that the Jerusalem Brigades were the ones who carried out the first strike on Tel Aviv.
- 3. When publishing media material of the Jerusalem Brigades, issue a media directive to Hamas social media activists to avoid criticism of the performance and capabilities of the Jerusalem Brigades in a way that would convey a critical tone about the strengthening of resistance capabilities but instead act to channel this into avenues that create a supportive atmosphere for the movement to develop resistance activity in Gaza.



Letter from Hamas' military wing to Al Jazeera, December 4, 2022 (IDF Arabic spokesperson's X account, October 24, 2024)

• A document from 2023 showed that Hamas also installed a dedicated secure phone line called the "Al Jazeera phone," intended for direct coordination between Hamas' emergency war room and Al Jazeera's management offices in Doha. Apparently the line was intended for use in emergency situations to ensure that Hamas would be able to control coverage of its military wing's activity, including real-time instructions regarding what to broadcast, what to conceal, and which terms to use during coverage to preserve Hamas' desired narrative (IDF Arabic spokesperson's X account, October 24, 2024).

Al Jazeera phone line: steps must be taken to provide a secure communications channel between the emergency command center and Al Jazeera



From a document of the military media department of Hamas' military wing (IDF Arabic spokesperson's X account, October 24, 2024)

Hamas Operatives Disguised as Al Jazeera Correspondents

A Gazan journalist interviewed anonymously admitted, "You have to be connected to Hamas to work at Al Jazeera, especially in Gaza, because most positions go through Hamas. Hamas

determines who gets hired and who does not, so most of Al Jazeera's staff is inseparable from Hamas" (*Israel Hayom*, September 3, 2025).⁷

Such statements were reinforced by documents revealed by the IDF spokesperson which showed that operatives in the Hamas and PIJ military wings also work as Al Jazeera correspondents and photographers, thereby enabling both movements to influence the network's coverage from the inside (IDF website, October 23, 2024).

Anas Jamal Mahmoud Sharif (Anas al-Sharif)

Anas al-Sharif was a prominent Al Jazeera's correspondent in the Gaza Strip until he was eliminated in an IDF targeted killing on August 10, 2025. He was close to Hamas figures in the al-Qassam Brigades' media unit, coordinated with them and even enjoyed priority in leading coverage of events to which Hamas attributed great importance, such as the releases of hostages produced by Hamas during the first two ceasefires. During the transfer of three Israeli female hostages to the Red Cross on January 19, 2025, al-Sharif broadcast while standing next to the vehicle in which the three were seated, unlike the other correspondents also present. He received exclusive access to videos of the transfer of the kidnapped soldier Agam Berger from the ruins of a building in the Jabalia refugee camp to the ceremony stage on January 30, 2025 (Al Jazeera, January 30, 2025).





Right: Al-Sharif next to the vehicle with the three hostages (Al Jazeera YouTube channel, January 19, 2025). Left: Al-Sharif with military wing during the transfer of soldier Agam Berger to the ceremony stage (Al Jazeera YouTube channel, January 30, 2025)

Anas al-Sharif's name appeared on a Hamas document from the Gaza Strip which included a list of operatives in the northern Gaza division. According to the document, he was an operative in Hamas' military wing and was assigned to the East Jabalia Battalion of 102 operatives and 6

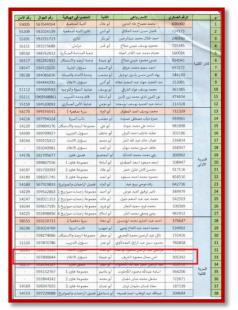
⁷ For further information, see the February 2024 ITIC report, <u>More than half of the Palestinian</u> journalists killed in the Gaza Strip during Operation Iron Swords were affiliated with terrorist <u>organizations (Full version)</u>

companies, where he was an operative and squad leader in the indirect fire company. He was also a *nukhba* operative. According to another document, he was also responsible for the battalion's media [According to the document, there was apparently a media officer in every squad.]. His name appeared on a document of the names of Hamas operatives wounded during 2023, as well as in a phone book of *nukhba* operatives in East Jabalia alongside his operational code name "Thabit 5."





Right: Al-Sharif's "ID card" after the targeted killing. Left: His name, serial number and operational code name in the list of nukhba company operatives (IDF spokesperson, August 10, 2025)



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Captured document found in the Gaza Strip: a roster of personnel in the East Jabalia Battalion of Hamas' military wing as of April 26, 2023. Anas al-Sharif (number 33) appeared as an operative in Company 2 of the East Jabalia Battalion, holding the role of media officer. On the right his military number was noted and next to his name his nickname was noted as "Abu Ubeida"

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Financial report of Company 2 in the East Jabalia Battalion for February 2023. In that month \$16 was allocated to Anas al-Sharif under "communications"

Isma'il Farid Mohammad Abu 'Amr (Isma'il Abu 'Amr)

▶Isma'il Abu Amr is a Gazan journalist who is also an Al Jazeera correspondent. He was born in the town of Bani Suheila in eastern Khan Yunis in 1983. He began his journalistic career on the internet and social networks, and in 2008 joined Hamas' radio station Sawt al-Aqsa as a news editor and later as a reporter in the Khan Yunis area. On February 13, 2024, he and a video cameraman were wounded in an Israeli UAV attack in northern Rafah and were transferred to the European Hospital in Khan Yunis, where Isma'il Abu Amr's right leg was amputated. Despite his injury he continues to deliver reports and updates on his Telegram channel, which has 99.4 thousand subscribers (YNET, February 14, 2024).

• Isma'il Abu 'Amr was among the journalists who covered the October 7, 2023 attack and massacre from the moment it began, and in all probability he received an early notification of the timing of the attack to be able to cover it in real time to implement Hamas propaganda strategy (Ismail Abu 'Amr's Telegram channel, October 7, 2023):

• At 05:58 (about half an hour before the attack began) he wrote, "Oh Allah, make things easier for us, remove our worries and decree for us what is good in every way... amen."



"Oh Allah, make things easier for us, remove our worries and decree for us what is good in every way... amen," posted about half an hour before the start of the attack and massacre (Ismail Abu 'Amr's Telegram channel, October 7, 2023)

• At exactly 6:29, with the start of the attack and massacre, he wrote, "Allah, power of rockets and sirens," and included photos of rocket trails. From that moment he updated continuously and enthusiastically on developments, from the rocket fire to the infiltration of Hamas gunmen into the Israeli communities near the Gaza Strip, and wrote "This is the liberation [of the east side of the border] — Allahu Akbar."



Photo of rocket trails Abu 'Amr uploaded at the start of the attack (Ismail Abu 'Amr's Telegram channel, October 7, 2023)

- Abu 'Amr also uploaded graphic images from the attack, including bodies of soldiers who were murdered, and shared videos of Gazans mutilating the body of an IDF soldier in the town of Bani Suheila.
- Abu 'Amr uploaded snippets from radio communications in which Hamas terrorists reported that "the brothers in al-Qassam are inside Israeli territory and are beheading the Jews with daggers," thus he was apparently in direct contact with Hamas forces inside Israeli territory.

▶ Hamas documents brought back from the Gaza Strip show that Isma'il Abu 'Amr belonged to the East Khan Yunis Battalion in Hamas' military wing and was a platoon commander in the

training unit. His name also appeared on the list of operatives of Hamas' Khan Yunis Brigade as well as on a list of Hamas terrorist operatives from 2021.



Ismail Abu 'Amr is called a squad commander in the Khan Yunis Brigade (IDF Arabic spokesperson's X account, October 23, 2024)

Talal Mahmoud Abd al-Rahman al-'Arugi (Talal al-'Arugi)

▶ Talal al-'Aruqi is a field reporter for the Al Jazeera Mubasher network in the Gaza Strip; he is known for reporting from the field during rounds of fighting. On November 28, 2024, he was wounded while covering an Israeli strike in the Nuseirat camp (IDF Spokesperson's website, October 23, 2024).



Talal al-'Aruqi (IDF Spokesperson's website, October 23, 2024)

▶His name appeared on a 2023 list of Hamas operatives where he was identified as a squad commander with the rank of captain in the Jerusalem Brigade. His name also appeared in a 2019 document of Hamas' ministry for "shaheeds," the wounded and prisoners, which included a list of Hamas-affiliated wounded.

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Talal al-'Aruqi on a list of wounded Hamas operatives (IDF Arabic spokesperson's X account, October 23, 2024)

Hussam Basel Abd al-Karim Shabat (Hussam Shabat)

▶Hussam Shabat was a Gazan journalist, born 2001 from Beit Hanoun. He worked for the Al Jazeera Mubasher channel as a freelance correspondent, covering the war in the Gaza Strip, especially in the north. He was considered a prominent voice documenting the destruction and the humanitarian distress in the Strip. On March 24, 2025, he was killed in a targeted Israeli airstrike on his car near Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip.

▶His name appeared in documents brought back from the Gaza Strip on a list of operatives of Company 1 (the anti-tank company) of the Beit Hanoun Battalion in Hamas' military wing and he was referred to as a sniper. In another document, a 2019 report of the training and instruction department in Hamas' military wing, his name appeared in the list of operatives

who were absent from the Beit Hanoun Battalion's training (IDF Arabic spokesperson's X account, March 25, 2025).



Hussam Shabat (IDF Arabic spokesperson's X account, March 25, 2025)

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Hussam Shabat, a sniper in the Beit Hanoun Battalion (IDF Arabic spokesperson's X account, October 23, 2024)



Hussam Shabbat on the list of absentees from the Beit Hanoun Battalion's training (IDF Arabic spokesperson's X account, October 23, 2024)

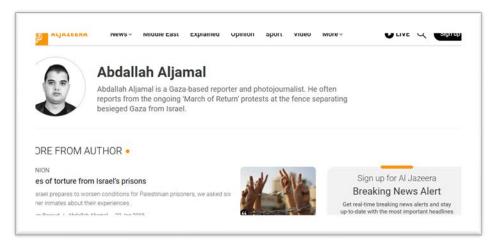
Abdallah al-Jamal

Abdallah al-Jamal was a Gazan journalist who worked as a correspondent for the Al Jazeera network. He also worked a journalist and editor at the Palestine Now agency and was a spokesman for Hamas' Ministry of Labor (YNET, June 9, 2024; Telegram channel of the Hamas ministry of information in the Gaza Strip, June 9, 2024).

Non June 8, 2024, Israeli security forces rescued three Israeli hostages who were being held in al-Jamal's home in the Nuseirat refugee camp. Al-Jamal was killed in the operation, together with his wife and father. According to reports from local residents, the al-Jamal family was known as close to Hamas, yet few people in the densely populated area in central Gaza knew that they were holding Israeli hostages in the family apartment. Abdallah's father, Ahmad al-Jamal, a 73-year-old doctor who lived in the apartment together with his son, daughter-in-law and their children, was an important figure in the community. In the morning he worked at a public clinic in the Nuseirat refugee camp in the Gaza Strip and in the afternoon at his own small private clinic. He was also an imam at a local mosque (*Wall Street Journal*, June 17, 2024). The IDF spokesperson also confirmed that Abdallah al-Jamal was a Hamas operative and held Israeli hostages (Israeli media, June 9, 2024).

▶The Al Jazeera network denied ever having employed al-Jamal and that apart from an op-ed piece published in 2019 he had no connection to the network (*Israel Hayom*, September 9, 2024). Al Jazeera's director in Israel, Walid al-'Omari, said, "he is not from Al Jazeera, he did not work at Al Jazeera at all and he is not registered as our employee, not now and not in the past. We do not know him. All the rumors are baseless and incorrect" (Mako website, June 9, 2024). However, a check of Al Jazeera's website shows that Abdallah al-Jamal is listed as a local Gazan reporter who regularly covered the return marches begun by Hamas in 2019.8

⁸ https://www.aljazeera.com/author/abdallah aljamal 190122103235277



Details of the reporter Abdallah al-Jamal as they appear on Al Jazeera's English website



Abdallah al-Jamal and his father Ahmad (Tamer Hammam's X account, June 8, 2024)

Coverage after the Trump Agreement

▶Even after the announcement of the Trump ceasefire agreement in October 2025, the Al Jazeera network still gives priority to coverage of Hamas events and to exaggerating the statements of its military wing to the media.

▶ Al Jazeera's "news" coverage markets Hamas' leading narratives, emphasizing the movement's survival and its military capabilities even after two years of war, and highlights the price Israel paid, which according to Al Jazeera the Israeli media calls as the most difficult war in Israel's history. Al Jazeera published a summary under the headline "Israeli media say Israel failed to defeat Hamas." The report surveyed statements by reporters and studio guests who argued that Israel did not achieve its goals and that many question marks remain regarding the future (Al Jazeera, October 11, 2025).



From the report "Israeli media say Israel failed to defeat Hamas" (Al Jazeera, October 11, 2025)

▶Unlike the first rounds of the hostage deals, this time Hamas could not hold ostentatious ceremonies for the release of hostages and the transfer of bodies of the dead, yet Al Jazeera correspondents continued to enjoy exclusive coverage from the field and access to the locations where hostages were handed over and to the handover points of the bodies of the dead to the Red Cross. Coverage of the hostages' arrival in Israel and the moving reunions with family and friends were not covered by the Al Jazeera network.



Exclusive coverage by Al Jazeera correspondent Nour Khaled from the point of transfer of the bodies of Israeli dead to the Red Cross in Gaza City (Al Jazeera, October 15, 2025)

▶Regarding ongoing coverage, Al Jazeera presents Hamas as fulfilling its part of the agreement impeccably and sincerely. The network published and highlighted the message on behalf of the Izz al-Din al-Qassam Brigades which claimed that "special efforts as well as equipment and means are required to locate the remaining bodies of the dead and every effort is being made to complete the closure of the file" (Al Jazeera, October 15, 2025). Al Jazeera also provided alleged footage of Hamas operatives searching for the bodies of deceased hostages using tractors and trucks (Al Jazeera, October 16, 2025), and highlighted Trump's remarks noting that the task of locating the dead was complex and complicated (Al Jazeera, October 16, 2025).







Right and center: The military wing complains about the effort to reach the bodies of the dead (Al Jazeera, October 15, 2025). Left: Trump on the complexity of locating the bodies of the "captives" (Al Jazeera, October 16, 2025)

Al Jazeera continues to air extensive coverage of the widespread destruction in the Strip, of the suffering of Gazans who have been left with nothing, having no shelter and being forced to cope with extremely difficult living conditions and having to search the ruins for items that can be salvaged. The severe humanitarian situation in the Strip is highlighted along with emphasizing the great distress of medical teams who [allegedly] suffer from a severe shortage of means and medical equipment.



From the report "A tour among the ruins" (Al Jazeera, October 16, 2025)