



◀ Palestinian journalist Bisn Owda who works for Al Jazeera won a Peabody Award, one of the highest honors in journalism, for coverage of the devastating impact Israel's war on the Gaza Strip in May 2024.



◀ In this undated photo, Anas al-Sharif reports from Gaza for Al-Jazeera. The news network has condemned the Israeli incitement against its correspondent al-Sharif and staff in Gaza.

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Al Jazeera's Coverage in Palestine

Al Jazeera has long been accused by Israel of supporting Hamas, particularly since the group's rise to power in Gaza in 2007. During the Gaza war in 2023, Al Jazeera's reporters were among the few providing live coverage, making it a key source of information on the conflict.



◀ Israeli forces raided Al Jazeera Media Network's office in Ramallah, in the occupied West Bank in the early hours of Sept. 22, 2024, and ordered its immediate closure. The action followed a decision by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's cabinet in May 2024 to shut down Al Jazeera's operations within the occupied territories.

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Israel's Justification for Shutdown

The Israeli regime claims Al Jazeera's content incites violence and endangers national security and public order. However, since the start of the Gaza war, Israel has targeted numerous journalists and media outlets presenting narratives that contradict its own.

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Broader Strategy of Censorship

The closure is part of Israel's larger effort to control public opinion and suppress information about its actions in Gaza. The shutdown follows a pattern, including bombing Al Jazeera's Gaza office in 2021 and the killing of journalist Shireen Abu Akleh in 2022.

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Al Jazeera's Global Reach

Al Jazeera's influence extends far beyond the Arab world, reaching non-Arabic speaking audiences as well. Israel fears the network's ability to shape global narratives and rally international support against its policies in Gaza.

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Control over Information

Israel aims to suppress real-time documentation of its military actions, preventing narratives that could undermine its strategic interests. By silencing Al Jazeera, Israel seeks to limit the flow of information and protect its image on the global stage.

