



Israel Kills More Journalists, Hiding Gaza Atrocities

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Glenn Greenwald (GG): Some of the things we talk about here on this show among our team, the fact that we obviously spend a great deal of time covering not just the US support for the destruction of Gaza by Israel, but also all the different ramifications for domestic politics inside the United States, which is multifaceted; the bizarre control that the Israeli lobby obviously exerts over our members of Congress. Last week, the entire or a massive portion of the Republican freshman class made a pilgrimage with Mike Johnson, the House Speaker to Israel on a trip organised and I believe paid for by AIPAC and they met Prime Minister Netanyahu. And this is typically the summer recess when traditionally members of Congress have used this to go home back to their constituents, back to their home districts to at least try and maintain the facade of being in their district, of hearing from their constituents, and instead, this time they're using it to go to their real district, which is Israel. And today or this week, it's the turn of the House Democrats, the freshmen House Democrats who have done so on a trip created and organised by AIPAC. There's obviously issues about the hate speech and censorship codes being imposed at American universities on behalf of Israel, but really, in my view, there's really no way to avoid talking about Israel. We don't look to talk about Israel every night. It's not something like we wanna do, but I would just feel like I was abdicating my responsibility if we didn't cover it for a very good amount of time.

I think it's worth remembering that when the war in Ukraine broke out in full and not just the entire Democratic party under Joe Biden, but most of the Republican party as well decided they wanted to get involved in that war and finance that war, and sent tens and tens and then hundreds of billions of dollars there, we covered that with great regularity as much as we're covering this. Because obviously foreign policy and intervention and how that relates to America First and the MAGA movement and civil liberties is a major topic that we have always covered, even before we did the show in my written journalism. But I don't wanna make excuses for it. I will just tell you straight up – and I've said this many times before – that I think what's happening in Gaza is the single worst crime against humanity that we've seen most definitely in the 21st century and arguably in our lifetime. And I guess by our

lifetime, I'm excluding Vietnam; though I think you can make an argument for a lot of different reasons. I mean we had that famine expert on our show a couple of weeks ago who said that he's been studying famines all over the world and has never seen one so quite minutely engineered and deliberately implemented as the mass starvation programme taking place in Gaza. It just seems like every day there's a new horrific atrocity and it's impossible to turn away from. We shouldn't turn away from it, because it's ongoing and every person has a responsibility to, I think, do what they can to try and raise your voice as much as possible to inspire the people to see why it's so wrong. And the undeniable fact is that succeeding. More and more people are seeing the true face of Israel and the bizarre, disturbing subservience of the United States when it comes to Israel, and I think a lot of reasons for why that's wise because people are seeing the undeniable truth of what that is.

Yesterday, there was an Al Jazeera journalist named Anas Al Sharif who has become for sure in the Middle East, and I would say even more broadly in the West, one of the most important reporters documenting what is happening in Gaza. Remember, at the end of the day, the IDF made the decision at the beginning of this war and this decision continues through to today, that it won't allow any international journalist to enter Gaza. They've taken a few pet pundits like Douglas Murray and showed them five second things or two hour things protected by the IDF. There's no actual reporters in Gaza except for Palestinian journalists. And these Palestinian journalists, sometimes I really get irritated by this notion that, oh, because we don't have real reporters in there, we have to rely on Palestinian reporters and somehow they're less reliable. I don't think this is true at all. Palestinian journalists have done an extraordinary job of risking their life, of seeing and confronting some of the worst, most mentally destructive things you could possibly see day after day after today, not just once. They have obviously made a target of themselves knowing how many journalists Israel has deliberately murdered by targeting them. We've had some on our show before. And precisely because the Israelis refuse to allow any international reporters in, these are the journalists who have become the way that the world knows about the unparalleled atrocities taking place in Gaza.

And from the beginning, the Israelis have been systematically murdering them one by one, targeting them, targeting their homes, targeting their families. And last night, and the Israeli government admits this, it engaged in a targeted strike against Anas Al Sharif, killing him, along with four other Palestinian journalists who work for Al Jazeera. And the reason why we have to rely on these journalists exclusively is because the Israeli government won't allow international journalists in. The reason the Israeli government won't allow international journalists in is very obvious. It's not because the Israel government has a deep concern for the safety of international journalists. They're happy to murder journalists all the time. They killed an American Palestinian journalist in the West Bank two years ago, and barely anyone in the United States noticed; by sniping her in the head. And what is on the verge of happening now is that the Israelis are prepared with Donald Trump's blessing to make a full-scale invasion and occupation of Gaza, which in my view has always been the plan. And in order to do that, they're already massively escalating their bombing, killing huge numbers of civilians, the kind of carpet bombing we've seen, especially at the beginning of the war.

And most importantly of all, they're systematically eliminating, eradicating the most important journalists because they don't want anybody inside Gaza telling the world about what they're doing. Because what they are about to do is even worse than anything they've done before. That's why they're going in.

Here is Al Jazeera, which we're gonna start with because it is their journalists that have been killed. And I should say Al Jazeera has been targeted by Israel over the last several years. They basically were attacked many times [inaudible] – doesn't want journalists covering what they're doing because what they are doing will disgust the world even more than it already has. That's the only reason why you do this. So here is Al Jazeera's statement. This is from today: *Al Jazeera condemns the killing of its journalists by Israeli forces in Gaza*. "Al Jazeera Media Network condemns in the strongest term the targeted assassination of its correspondents, Anas Al Sharif and Mohammed Qraieqa, along with photographers, Ibrahim Al Thaher and Mohamed Nofal, by the Israeli occupation forces and yet another blatant and premeditated attack on press freedom. In a statement by the Israel occupation forces admitting to their crimes, the journalists were targeted by a direct assault toward the tent where they were stationed opposite Al-Shifa Medical Complex in Gaza". They were in a tent, the exact tent they've been using near the hospital. Remember, they've covering this war for two years. And every time Israel murders somebody, every time Israel kills somebody, a journalist, a doctor, a nurse, an entire family, of course immediately Israel say, it was a terrorist, it was Hamas. And it's gotten to the point where basically the operational definition of terrorist is anyone who the IDF murders or wants to kill. And you have all these people, these Israeli supporters who just have no idea who these people are, but the minute Israel kills them, they all mindlessly walk around saying, he was a terrorist, he was Hamas, and justifying what the IDF is doing. But most of the world is not buying that. But basically the people left defending Israel, other than Israel, are about a shrinking handful of Republican party politicians and an even smaller contingent of Democratic party politicians in the Trump administration. That's it.

Here's the Committee To Protect Journalists, which I should say, this journalist in particular, Anas, has been warning that there is a target on his head that the Israeli propaganda machine has begun calling him Hamas, which is the prelude to murdering him, he's been receiving threats. And the Committee To Protect Journalists actually warned before that he was obviously trying to be eradicated by the IDF and warned the world to object to this, that he is a journalist engaging in vital press freedoms. But of course, their warnings were unheeded. Israel operates with no rules and no limits of humanity or any other kind because they have the United States there to fund them, to arm them, to protect them if they get into wars. And here's the Committee To Protect Journalists statement from yesterday. Quote: "The August 10 attack raises the number of Al Jazeera staff journalists killed by Israel and Gaza during the war to 11... With Sunday's killing of six journalists, 192 journalists have been killed since the start of the Israeli-Gaza war on October 7. At least 184 of those journalists were Palestinians killed by Israel."

Now, as I said, the minute that Israel murdered these journalists, who were well-known to the

world, people have been watching these journalists report every day because, like I said we don't have international media – they've been the eyes and ears of the world about what the Israelis are actually doing in Gaza – it created worldwide repercussions. And so the Israelis not only admitted they killed him, but immediately started leaking insanely absurd images that purport to be evidence that this journalist was a member of Hamas. Which of course leads to the question, he's been openly reporting for Al Jazeera for two years now, if he was Hamas, why didn't the Israelis kill him previously? The reason they're killing journalists now is because as I said, they're about to go in and they don't want anyone showing the true horrors and atrocities of what they're doing. So once they started disseminating information to try and prove they're Hamas, like for example, there's a picture of Anas, the journalist who was murdered with Hamas leaders, and they say, oh look, this proves that he's Hamas.

I don't know if people realise this in the Israeli propaganda complex, but journalists interview all sorts of people all the time. It doesn't make them part of that. American journalists interview American generals. If there's a war, does that make those American journalists legitimate targets because there's a picture of them with American journalists [generals]?! Fox News's Trey Yingst who has been doing a spectacular job reporting on this and particularly leading the way among corporate journalists announcing the systematic killing of Gazan journalists, talking about them as his colleagues who he's duty bound to speak up on behalf of. There's pictures of him meeting with Hamas leaders. Does that make Trey Yingst of Fox News a member of Hamas? This is the kind of evidence on which the Israelis are relying. And since a lot of people believe that any Palestinian is automatically a terrorist, not even a human, they're just willing to believe it. And the Committee To Protect Journalists also raised their voice about this disgusting attempt by the Israelis not just to murder American journalists, but then smear them afterward as terrorists.

And here is the Committee To Protect Journalists statement from – I don't know, it's dated August 14th. I think it's today. Today's August 11th, I'm sorry, this is August 14, 2024. This is a previous statement from the Committee To Protect Journalists about other times when the Israeli military has killed Palestinian journalists and then instantly set out to smear them as Hamas and terrorists. Titles: *Committee To Protect Journalists announces Israel's smearing of killed Palestinian journalists with unsubstantiated terrorist tactics*. That's what they've been doing all the time. It's what Israel has been doing for decades. Whoever Israel kills, ipso facto was a terrorist. They killed teenagers in the West Bank, those are terrorists. They wiped out entire families, the uncle or the father is a terrorist. They killed 21 people of the family; oh, the uncle once spoke to a few members of Hamas, we think he's a terrorist. And then every Israel loyalist in the United States nods their head aha, aha. And then if somebody protests, they say, oh look, you're defending Hamas. That's the propaganda industry that's just no longer working. It doesn't mean it's not there but it's no longer working.

The UN group on human rights today issued their own statement which says this, quote, "We condemn the killing by the Israeli military of six Palestinian journalists by targeting their tent in grave breach of international humanitarian law. Israel must respect and protect all civilians including journalists. At least 242 Palestinian journalists were killed in Gaza since October

7th. We called for immediate safe and unhindered access to Gaza for all journalists." Yeah, that is the official number by the UN, 242 journalists killed. The Committee to Protect Journalists using number 192, I don't understand what accounts for that discrepancy but it's not a very significant difference.

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