

At least 12 reporters killed covering Israel's war on Gaza amid reports of harassment and attacks

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Geneva, October 16 (RHC)-- The Committee to Protect Journalists says at least 12 media workers have been killed since the war started.

Reuters journalist Issam Abdallah died in an Israeli artillery strike near the Israel-Lebanon border while filming a live stream. At least two of his colleagues were injured in the attack. Abdallah's mother, Fatma Kalso told reporters: "They don't want the truth to come out. They don't want their crimes to come out. They were sitting where there was no shelling, nothing. They were filming the shelling from afar. Why would they bomb them?"

Elsewhere, journalists from BBC Arabic say they were pulled from their vehicle by Israeli police in Tel Aviv and held at gunpoint.

And on Sunday night, a right-wing mob attacked the home of Israeli left-wing and ultra-Orthodox journalist Israel Frey. The mob accused him of being a "traitor" for speaking out against the killing of Palestinian civilians.

Meanwhile, Israeli Communications Minister Shlomo Karhi is pushing emergency measures that would allow police to arrest citizens and journalists whose content "harms national morale."

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