

Advocacy dossier

Anas al-Sharif

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Killed Palestine

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The case at a glance

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Status **Killed**	Country **Palestine**

What we ask

We call on the authorities to:

01 Order a full, independent, and impartial investigation into the killing of Anas al-Sharif, with timely public reporting on findings.

02 Identify and prosecute those responsible, both the direct perpetrators and any state officials who ordered, enabled, or covered up the killing.

03 Provide effective reparation to the family of Anas al-Sharif.

04 Take immediate steps to protect other defenders working in the same field from similar attacks.

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How the case unfolded

23 September 2018

Other act

Wounded while covering a march east of Jabalia

While covering a march east of Abu Safiya hill in the north-east of Jabalia, Anas al-Sharif was hit in the abdomen by shrapnel from a gunshot. He was then a volunteer reporter with the Al-Shamal Media Network.

November 2023

Threats and intimidation

Receives calls and messages from Israeli officers telling him to stop reporting

After he began reporting for Al Jazeera from northern Gaza in October 2023, he received several calls from Israeli army officers telling him to stop his coverage and leave northern Gaza, as well as voice notes revealing his location, according to CPJ.

11 December 2023

Other act

Father killed in a strike on the family home

An Israeli airstrike hit his family home in Jabalia and killed his 90-year-old father. He buried his father in the yard of an UNRWA school.

October 2024

Smear campaign

Israeli army accuses him and five Al Jazeera colleagues of militant links

The Israeli army accused six Al Jazeera journalists in Gaza, including Anas al-Sharif, of belonging to armed groups. Al Jazeera rejected the claim as baseless. CPJ had already expressed concern for his safety in August 2024.

24 July 2025

Smear campaign

Israeli army spokesperson accuses him of Hamas membership

After he wept on air while reporting on starvation in Gaza, Israeli army spokesperson Avichay Adraee published a video accusing him of membership of Hamas's armed wing since 2013. Anas al-Sharif told CPJ the campaign was a real threat to his life. CPJ called for his protection.

31 July 2025

Other act

UN Special Rapporteur warns his life is in danger

Irene Khan, UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of expression, said she was deeply alarmed by the Israeli army's repeated threats and unsubstantiated accusations against Anas al-Sharif, which she called a blatant attempt to endanger his life and silence his reporting. She urged states to press Israel to stop targeting him and other journalists.

10 August 2025

Killing

Killed with his crew in an Israeli strike on a journalists' tent in Gaza City

An Israeli strike hit a media tent near Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City, killing Anas al-Sharif, Al Jazeera correspondent Mohammed Qreiqeh, camera operators Ibrahim Zaher and Mohammed Noufal, freelancer Moamen Aliwa and freelancer Mohammad al-Khaldi. The Israeli army said it had targeted Anas al-Sharif and accused him of leading a Hamas cell. CPJ said Israel had provided no evidence, did not find the images it published credible, and called the killing murder.

11 August 2025

Complaint filed

Rights groups ask the International Criminal Court to act on the killing

The Hind Rajab Foundation and the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights filed a joint complaint with the International Criminal Court, seeking arrest warrants against senior Israeli military officers, including the army chief of staff and the spokesperson Avichay Adraee, over the killing. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for an independent investigation.

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The full story

Update, 12 November 2026: Anas al-Sharif, an Al Jazeera correspondent in northern Gaza, was killed with his crew in an Israeli strike on 10 August 2025. The Israeli army said it targeted him and alleged he led a Hamas cell; CPJ and a UN expert said the allegation was unsubstantiated. We found no investigation or accountability in a trusted source.

Background and Work

Anas al-Sharif was born on 3 December 1996 in Jabalia refugee camp in the northern Gaza Strip. He studied radio and television journalism at Al-Aqsa University from 2014 and worked as a volunteer reporter with the Al-Shamal Media Network, producing reports on conditions in Gaza for several outlets. On 23 September 2018, while covering a march east of Jabalia, he was wounded in the abdomen by shrapnel.

After the war in Gaza began in October 2023 he became a correspondent for Al Jazeera and remained in northern Gaza, where international journalists were not allowed to enter. He became one of the network's best-known reporters in the territory, covering bombardment, displacement and, in 2025, starvation. He was married to Bayan and had a daughter, Sham, and a son, Salah.

Threats and Smear Campaign

From November 2023 he received calls from Israeli army officers telling him to stop his coverage and leave northern Gaza, and voice notes revealing his location. On 11 December 2023 an Israeli airstrike hit his family home and killed his 90-year-old father.

In October 2024 the Israeli army accused six Al Jazeera journalists in Gaza, including him, of belonging to armed groups; Al Jazeera rejected the claim as baseless. In July 2025, after he wept on air while reporting on starvation, the army's Arabic-language spokesperson Avichay Adraee published a video on 24 July accusing him of having been a member of Hamas's armed wing since 2013. He told CPJ the campaign was a real threat to his life and an attempt to destroy him morally because his reporting harmed Israel's image. CPJ called for his protection.

On 31 July 2025 the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of expression, Irene Khan, said she was deeply alarmed by the repeated threats and accusations against him, describing them as unsubstantiated and as a blatant attempt to endanger his life and silence his reporting. She said she was in contact with the Israeli government about his case.

The Killing

Late on 10 August 2025 an Israeli strike hit a tent used by journalists outside the main gate of Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City. It killed Anas al-Sharif; his Al Jazeera colleagues Mohammed Qreiqeh, a correspondent, and camera operators Ibrahim Zaher and Mohammed Noufal; Moamen Aliwa, a freelancer working with the Al Jazeera team; and Mohammad al-Khaldi, a freelancer in a nearby tent. Two other journalists were injured. CPJ described it as the deadliest single attack on journalists in the war at that point.

The Israeli army announced that it had killed him and described him as the head of a Hamas cell

responsible for rocket attacks. It made no allegation against the other journalists. CPJ said Israel had a long pattern of labelling journalists as terrorists without credible proof, that the documents it published were not credible, and called the killing murder. In a final message published on his social media accounts after his death, he wrote that if the words reached readers, Israel had succeeded in killing him and silencing his voice. Al Jazeera called the strike a targeted assassination.

International Response

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for an independent investigation. On 11 August 2025 the Hind Rajab Foundation and the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights filed a joint complaint with the International Criminal Court seeking arrest warrants against senior Israeli military officers, including the chief of staff and Avichay Adraee, over the killing. According to CPJ, the strike raised the number of Al Jazeera staff journalists killed by Israel in Gaza during the war to 10, in addition to nine freelancers who worked with the network.

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