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# UNESCO Director-General condemns killing journalist Hassan Hamad in Palestine

Paris, 21 October 2024 - Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO, has condemned the killing of journalist Hassan Hamad in Jabalia refugee camp, northern Gaza, Palestine, on 6 October.

*condemn the killing of Hassan Hamad and call for a thorough and transparent investigation. Journalists play a crucial role in informing the world and ensuring the local I reiterate my call to respect UN Security Council Resolution 2222 unanimously adopted in 2015 on the protection of journalists, media professionals and associated personnel as civilians in situations of conflict, a status recently reaffirmed in the UN Pact for the Future,* said **Audrey Azoulay, UNESCO Director-General.**

Hassan Hamad was a 19-year-old freelance journalist working with the media outlet *Media Town*. He had been reporting on a military incursion when he was reportedly hit by a drone strike.

UNESCO has reported the deaths of at least 40 journalists and media workers in the line of work in Palestine since October 2023, which does not include deaths in circumstances unrelated to their profession. The 2024 UNESCO/Guillermo World Press Freedom Prize was awarded in May to Palestinian journalists covering Gaza.

UNESCO promotes the [safety of journalists](#) through global awareness-raising, capacity building and by coordinating the implementation of the [UN Plan of Action](#) on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity.

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