

# THE GAZA MEDIA MASSACRE

Time: **Tuesday, April 7, 2025**

Venue: "Palestine Today Tent" in the courtyard of Nasser Hospital in Khan Yunis, southern Gaza



Time: At 2:30 AM, Israel bombed the tent used by local media outlets, including the Palestine Today News Agency.

Victims: Journalist Helmi Al-Faqawi was killed instantly.



The young man, Youssef Al-Khazindar, was also martyred.



While nine other journalists were injured: Hassan Aslih, Ahmed Agha, Mohammed Fayek, Abdullah Al-Attar, Ihab Al-Bardini, Mahmoud Awad, Majed Qadih, Ali Aslih, and Ahmed Mansour.



The next day, journalist Ahmed Mansour, 32, was martyred as a result of severe burns he sustained, for which there is no treatment available in the Gaza Strip.



The scene of the flames slowly devouring the body of journalist Mansour will remain a testament to the international community's complicity and disgraceful inaction in the Gaza Strip, and a testament to the crimes of the Zionist occupation.



The world witnessed the burning alive of journalist Ahmed Mansour. Footage from the film documenting the Israeli crime shows a man running toward Mansour, trying to save him and pull him out of the tent, while others unsuccessfully tried to extinguish the fire.



**Mansour died the next day, April 8, 2025, after being taken to the hospital in critical condition.**



Journalist Bader Tabash, who filmed the video for the French Newspaper Le Monde, recounted: "We had just returned to rest after covering the massacre of the Nafar family in central Khan Yunis when we were surprised by an explosion around 2:30 a.m. The Palestine Today tent was on fire."



Fida Ibrahim, the wife of the martyred journalist, said, "He didn't return. I called him several times, but he didn't answer."

The grieving wife arrived at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, where Mansour was taken for treatment, but she was unable to see him.

"I still had some hope that he was still alive."

Fida Ibrahim added, "Ahmed burned in front of the world. The whole world watched him burn, and no one could help him. Where is humanity?" This is what Fida Ibrahim, the wife of journalist Ahmed Mansour, said.

She added that she tried to contact her husband after learning of the Israeli bombing, but received no response. She later learned that he had been taken to the hospital.

Fida Ibrahim added that she watched the video the next day: "I started crying while talking to the screen... I told it as if it could hear me: 'Ahmed, move... run... help yourself, don't give up... I need you.'"

She wondered, "How did he feel while he was burning? Was he in pain? Was he suffering from the burns?"

Mansour left behind three children: Wissam, Sham, and Salam.



His daughter wondered, "When will Judgment Day come so I can see my father?"

"My children are young... they don't know anything about life other than that my father isn't here."

"My eldest son, Wissam, asks me, 'Mama, where is my father? I miss him and want to see him.'"

His son, Wissam, addressing his aunt: "Who will help me if they beat me? Who will give me my pocket money? My father is dead."

"My son dreamed of martyrdom and achieved it... but the fire in my heart won't go out," said Zaher Abbas Mansour, Mansour's mother.

She added, "They killed my son in cold blood. They burned him while he was sitting in his chair. His entire body was on fire." "His last words were, 'Forgive me, my mother.'" Ms. Zaher added: "I demand my son's rights from the whole world... human rights... my son was burned alive before my eyes... where is the international protection for journalists?... where are his children's rights?... how will they live?... how can they forget the image of their father being burned?... I demand an international investigation into the burning of my son, the journalist Ahmed Mansour."

Sami, Mansour's brother, said, "I did not bid farewell to Ahmed... I did not say goodbye to him, nor did I hug him." Sami began his speech, adding, "The flames consumed my brother from his fingernails to his head... and a piece of shrapnel penetrated his skull." In a message to the international community, Mansour's brother said, "If the wolf is finished with its prey, its next meal will be the sheep who watched the show."



Since the beginning of the genocidal war waged by the Israeli occupation forces on the Gaza Strip, the number of journalists and media workers killed has exceeded 200.



Mourners, including colleagues, pray over the body of Al Jazeera Arabic journalist Ismail al-Ghoul, who was killed along with his cameraman Rami al-Rifai in an Israeli airstrike on July 31, 2024. (Photo: AFP/Omar al-Qatta)

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