

United Arab Emirates
Social, Cultural, & Humanitarian Committee
Accomplishing Freedom of Press and Protection of Journalists Within
Conflict Zones



Press freedom is a basic human right since everyone deserves to get trustworthy news from the media. However, the right to get this news is difficult considering the fact that access to truthful media is limited, especially in conflict zones. The reason there is limited access is because journalists risk their lives due to disseminate accurate information.

There are many agreements, conventions etc. such as UNHR, Geneva Conventions or ICCPR, and organizations like RSF and CPJ. These institutions exist to protect journalists and to support them however there are hundreds of journalists who suffer from many things while doing their jobs in conflict areas such as Syria, Russia-Ukraine and Israel Palestine regions. These sufferings can be in many ways such as torture, surveillance, cyber harassment, abduction etc. And there are many countries supporting these journalists and press freedom.

The UAE wants the media to work safely in conflict zones. In 2023, a new law was made to keep the media safe and accurate. It also helps prevent fake news and harmful content. The law also prevents journalists going to jail for doing their jobs. And it also encourages positive content, which shows the values of tolerance and respect of the UAE.

Despite so many countries having laws or policies in favor of protecting journalists, there are still many cruel things happening to them. To protect journalists and accomplish freedom of press more countries can collaborate, offer them global help and support them in many ways. Also we can all spread public awareness and educate people in this way so they will be more aware of the things going on with the media and won't believe fake news and can help as much as they can.

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