

# 109 Iraqi Journalists killed in Iraq Under Occupation

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The *Iraqi Journalists Union* published a report and lists of the Iraqi journalists who were killed in the last 3 years. The list took 5 months of working on the ground, documenting when, where, how and by whom, the journalists were killed as follows:

**69** journalists were killed by militias or unknown armed men

**21** were killed in explosions or fighting

**17** were shot by the American troops.

**2** were shot by the Iraqi troops

This statistics show that the Iraqi journalist is targeted by everybody, but the question remains who is responsible for targeting them and for the lack of protection journalists among other Iraqis need. The occupying troops or the Iraqi troops, or both? For it is illogical to imagine that the American or the Iraqi authorities would hold the (unknown) armed men responsible, while they themselves are responsible of shooting 19 journalists apart from the killing of many others in fighting. In all of the other cases, these authorities are indirectly responsible for these killings, as they are responsible of providing safe environment for journalists to work in.

The bitter irony is that the freedom of speech and media (as in all other Iraqi issues like democracy and human rights) was one of the pretexts which the American administration used in invading and occupying Iraq. What kind of freedom a journalist has when his life is threatened?

The international community has to play an active rule in protecting the Iraqi journalists through creating an independent international committee to investigate the daily violations that the Iraqi journalists are exposed to, and to present those who are responsible, no matter of which nationality they are, to the international court.

Bellow are the names, profession, occasion, and date of killing of each Iraqi journalist.

1- Hussien Qthman, translator with the *British ITN*, his car was shot by the Iraqi troops near Basra in March 23, 2003

2- Aqeel Mohammad Rasheed Al-Janabi, editor in chief of *Al-Faiha* newspaper, killed by knife stabs in his town Hilla in June24, 2003

3- Qomran Abdul Razzaq, 25, translator in the *BBC*, killed when the American troops bombed a Kurdish convoy in the north of Iraq in April16, 2003

- 4- Ahmad Kareem, reporter , *Kurdistan* Satellite Channel, killed in July 2, 2003
  - 5- Ahmad Shawkat, editor in *Bila-Itijah* weekly, killed by two armed men who raided his house and shot him in October 28, 2003
  - 6- Doraid Issa Mohamad, translator and producer in *CCN*, shot in an ambush in Baghdad outskirts in January 27, 2004
  - 7- Yassir Khattab, *CNN*, killed in the same ambush with Doraid
- The next 12 journalists were killed in *Arbeel*, in February1, 2004, when the offices of the *Kurdistan National Union* and the *Kurdistan Democratic Party* were attacked:
- 8- Safeer Nadir, camera man in *Qulan TV* (KDP)
  - 9- Heiman Mohamad Salih, cameraman in *Qulan TV*
  - 10- Ayoob Mohamad Salih, cameraman, *Kurdistan Satellite Channel*
  - 11- Ghareeb Mohamad Salih, cameraman,*KSC*
  - 12- Simko Kareem Mohiddeen, free Lance cameraman
  - 13- Abdul Sattar Abdul Kareem, photographer, *Al-Taqiya* newspaper
  - 14- Nassih Saleem, freelancer
  - 15- Kamiran Mohamad Omar, freelancer
  - 16- Salah Saidak, *Itihad* editor -in-Chief
  - 17- Shawkat Sheikh Yazdeen , publisher
  - 18- Mahdi Khashnaw, Nassree, Kurdish newspaper, editor in chief
  - 19- Mahdi Saad Abdulla, *Thiraei* newspaper editor-in-Chief
  - 20- Mahmood Awad Hamadi, 33, *Al-Jazeera* newspaper editor-in-Chief, killed by the American troops in Falluja in March2, 2004
  - 21- Salwan Abdul Ghani Al-Noaimi, translator in *VOA*, shot by armed men in Baghdad in March1, 2004
  - 22- Ali Abdul Azziz, 35, cameraman, *Al-Arabiya* Satellite, shot by the American troops in March18, 2004
  - 23- Ali Al-Khateeb, 32,*Al-Arabiya* correspondent , shot by the American troops in Baghdad in March 18, 2004.
  - 24- Nadia Nassrat, f, announcer in the *Iraqi Media Net*, shot by armed men in Diyala (Baquba) in March 18, 2004
  - 25- Mohamad Ahmad Sarhan, *IMN*, shot by armed men in Diyala (Baquba) in March 18,2004

- 26- Majeed Rasheed , technician in *IMN*, shot by armed men in Diyala (Baquba) in March18, 2004
- 27- Omar Hashim Kamil, reporter, *Time* magazine, shot by armed men in Baghdad March26, 2004
- 28- Burhan Mohamad Mazhoor, cameraman, *ABC*, shot by the American troops in Falluja March26, 2004
- 29- As'ad Kadim , *Iraqiya* TV reporter, shot by the American troops In Samarra April 19, 2004
- 30- Husein Salih, driver, *Al-Iraqiya*, shot by the American troops in Samarra April 19,2004
- 31- Moneer Omran, war correspondent to the *Polish TV*, shot by armed men in May7, 2004
- 32- Rasheed Hamid, cameraman in *Al-Jazeera* news channel, shot by unknown fire source, in Karbala May 21, 2004
- 33- Mahmood Ismael Dawood, reporter, *Al-Sabah Al-Jadeed* newspaper, shot by armed men in Baghdad in May 29, 2004
- 34- Samiya Abd al-Jabir,f, administrator and technician in *Al-Sabah Al-Jadeed*, shot by unknown armed men in Baghdad May 29, 2004
- 35- Sahraddeen Al-Noaimi, editor-in-chief of *Kerkuk* weekly, killed when a grenade was thrown on his car in Kerkuk in June4, 2004
- 36- Husam Ali, freelance cameraman, killed in Falluja by unknown armed men in August15, 2004
- 37- Mahmood Hamid Abbass, cameraman, *German TV*, shot by unknown armed men in Falluja 15, 2004
- 38- Ali Jabir, Iraqi journalist accompanying the Italian journalist Inzo Baldini, killed by armed men near Najaf, after the Italian journalist was kidnapped in August 21, 2004
- 39- Jamal Tafeeq Salman, photographer, in *Gazeta Wyborcza*, shot by unknown armed men in Baghdad August 25, 2004
- 40- IsmaelTahir Mohsin, reporter in *AP*, shot near his house by unknown armed men in Xeptember2,2004
- 41- Ahmad Jasim, reporter, *Al-Iraqiya*, shot by unknown armed men in October7,2004
- 42- Karam Hussein, photographer, *Pressphoto*, killed in Mosul in October14,2004
- 43- Dina Mohamad Hassan,f, reporter to *Al-Huriya TV*, killed in Adhamiya by armed men in October14,2004
- 44- Liqa' Abdul Razzaq,f, announcer in *Al-Sharqiya* TV killed by unknown armed men in Baghdad October27,2004

- 45- Nasralla Al-Dawoodi, 55, editor-in-chief of *Al-Iraq Daily*, killed by unknown armed men in Baghdad in October 27, 2004
- 46- Ali Adnan, technician, *Al-Arabiya*, October 30, 2004, car bomb targeted *Al-Arabiya* office
- 47- Hassan Alwan, the same
- 48- Ramziya Moushi, f, the same
- 49- Nabeel Hassan, the same
- 50- Dhia Najim, cameraman, *Reuters*, shot by an American sniper in his head in November 1, 2004 when he was covering the fighting between armed men and the American troops.
- 51- Sahar Saad, f, reporter in *Meezan* and *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida*, shot in Baghdad unknown armed men in Baghdad June 3, 2004
- 52- Dawod Qassim, reporter, *The German Radio*, killed with his wife and father by unknown armed men in Baghdad February 4, 2005
- 53- Muayd Sámi, editor-in-chief of the *Parliament news paper in Baquba*, killed by unknown armed men in January 13, 2005
- 54- Ali Dhia Hassan, 27, reporter in *al-Nahdha* newspaper, shot by unknown armed men in Baghdad January 16, 2005
- 55- Huda Dhia Hassan, Ali's sister, reporter in *Nahdha* newspaper, shot by unknown armed men in Baghdad January 16, 2005
- 56- Abdul Hussein Khaz'al, 40, *Al-Harra* satellite channel reporter, killed with his son, 3, by unknown armed men in Basra February 8, 2005
- 57- Raida Al-Wazzan, announcer in *Al-Iraqiya* satellite TV, killed by unknown armed men in Mosul February 28, 2005
- 58- Saman Abdulla, announcer in *Kerkuk TV*, killed by unknown armed men April 5, 2005
- 59- Ahmad Adam Mostafa, journalist and writer in *Al-Mada* Daily, slaughtered by unknown armed men in Yousfiya May 15, 2005
- 60- Najim Abid Khudheir, freelance reporter, slaughtered by unknown armed men in Yousfiya in May 15, 2005
- 61- Ahmad Khalid Sultan, reporter in *Al-Sad* newspaper, member on the Young Journalists Association, , killed by unknown armed men west of Baghdad July 17, 2005
- 62- Walid Ibrahim, reporter, *Reuters*, shot by the American troops in Hay Al-Adil in Baghdad while he was covering the fighting in August 29, 2005
- 63- Hayder Kadhim, reporter, *Reuters*, shot by the American troops in Hay Al-Adil in Baghdad while he was covering the fighting in August 29, 2005
- 64- Abdul Qadir Mohamad Al-Badrani, reporter in *Iraqiyoon* News Agency, shot by the Iraqi

troops in Falluja August 8, 2005

65- Laiq Ibrahim, reporter in *Kurdistan radio*, killed by unknown armed men in Kerkuk march10, 2005

66- Ahmad Abdul Jabbar Hashim, reporter in *Al-Sabah Daily*, kidnapped and killed by unknown armed men in March31, 2005

67- Husan Hilal Sarsam, cameraman in *Kurdistan TV*, killed by unknown armed men in Musol March14, 2005

68- Jasim Al-Qaissi, reporter in *Al-Siyada* newspaper, killed in his car with his son north of Baghdad In June22, 2005

69- Jasim Al-Sheikhly, freelance journalist, killed by unknown armed men in Baghdad in June22, 2005

70- Ahmad Wa'il Al-bakri, TV director in *Al-Sharqiya TV*, shot by the American troops in Baghdad in June 28, 2005

71- Zaid Mohamad Salloom Al-Zubaidi, driver in *Al-Hurra* news channel, killed by unknown armed men south of Baghdad in August12, 2005

72- Hadi Hassan Al-Shamari, editing secretary, *Biladi* magazine, killed by unknown armed men in mid 2005.

73- Khalid Sabih Al-Attar,43, producer and presenter in *Al-Iraqiya TV*, kidnapped and killed by unknown armed men in Mosul July1, 2005

74- Maha Ibrahim,f, editor-in-chief, *Baghdad TV*, shot by the American troops in Baghdad, July3, 2005

75-Ahlan Yousif, Tv engineer, *Al-Iraqiya TV*, killed in Mosul by unknown armed men September22, 2005

76- Adnan Al-Bayati, producer and presenter in the *Italian TV*, killed in his house in Baghdad by unknown armed men in July23, 2005

77- Rafid Mahmood, radio presenter in *Diyala, IMN*, killed by unknown armeb men in Al-Gatoot areaAugust27, 2005

78- Haydar Fakhir Al-Tamimi, 38, *New York Times* reporter, and director of Al-Mirbad News Channel, kidnapped and killed in Basra September19, 2005

79- Hind Ismael,f,28, Al-Safeer newspaper reporter in Mosul, killed by unknown armed men in September16, 2005

80- Firas Al-Ma'adhidi, 40, *Al-Safeer* newspaper reporter, killed by unknown armed men in Mosul September16, 2005

81-Ahmad Hussein Al-Maliki, reporter in *Tallafar* newspaper, kidnapped for two months then killed by unknown armed men in Musol in November7, 2005

- 82- Mohamad Haroon Al-Fatlawi, secretary general of Iraqi Journalists Union, editor-in-chief of *Al-Qadhiya* Daily, killed by unknown armed men in Baghdad October19, 2005
- 83- Maisoon Abdul Hafidh,f, editing designer, in *Al-Jumhoriya* newspaper, killed near her office in Baghdad early 2005.
- 84- Fadhil Hussein Al-Khafaji, reporter in *Al-Da'wa* newspaper, killed by unknown armed men in Baghdad January30, 2005
- 85- Haydar Al-Jourani, reporter of *Al-da'wa* newspaper In Najaf, killed by the American troops in the fighting with the Mahdi Army in 2005
- 86- Fadhil Hazim Fadhil, *Al-Hurriya TV* reporter , killed in an explosion near the interior ministry in Baghdad April14, 2005
- 87- Ali Ibrahim Issa, cameraman, *Al-Hurriya TV*, killed in an explosion near the interior ministry in Baghdad April4, 2005
- 88- Shamil Abdulla Ass'ad, reporter in the *Kurdish TV*, his body was found in one of Kerkuk streets in April15, 2005
- 89- Salih Ibrahim, *AP* reporter, killed in an explosion targeting the American troops in Baghdad, April23, 2005
- 90- Najat Mohamad Karim, administrator, in *Dijla* radio, targeted by a sniper in his office in Baghdad, April26, 2005
- 91- Qasim Mohamad, guard, *Dijla* radio, targeted by a sniper in the office April26, 2005
- 92- Yassir Al-Salihi, reporter to an American group called *Night Rider*, shot in his car by the American troops in June22, 2005
- 93- Abdul Salaam Ahmad, reporter in *Al-Soumariya TV*, killed by unknown armed men in Baghdad December10, 2005
- 94- Mahmood Za'al, reporter , *Baghdad TV*, killed by the American troops in Khaldiya January14, 2006
- 95- Sarmad Salman, freelance sports reporter, kidnapped and killed by armed men in Baghdad early January 2006
- 96- Alan Anoi,33, translator, killed when the American journalist Jill Carol was kidnapped in Baghdad in Jaanuary7, 2006
- 97- Abdul Razzaq A-Na'as, writer and professor of journalism in Baghdad university, shot by unknown armed men, in Baghdad in January29, 2006
- 98- Hamza Hussein, sports reporter, *Al-Diyar TV*, killed in a car bomb in Baghdad January22,2006
- 99- Atwar Bahjat,f,30, *Al-Arabiya* correspondent, kidnapped killed by unknown armed men in Salahddeen, in February23,2006

100- Khalid Mahmood Al-Falahi,39, *Al-Arabiya* cameraman, kidnapped and killed by unknown armed men in Salahdeen, February23, 2006

101- Adnan Kheiralla, 36, tv engineer, *Al-Arabiya*, kidnapped and killed by unknown armed men in Salahdeen, February23, 2006

102- Monsif Abdulla Al-Khalidi,35, news director in *Baghdad TV*, killed by unknown armed men in Baghdad March7, 2006

103-Amjad Hamid Mohsin, *Al-Iraqiya* TV director, killed by unknown armed men in Baghdad March 11, 2006

104- Anwar Turky, worker, *Al-Iraqiya* TV, killed by unknown armed men in Baghdad March11, 2006

105- Mohsin Khodeir, editor-in-chief, *Alefba'* magazine, killed by unknown armed men in March13, 2006

106- Ali Hamid Al-Mayahi, reporter in *Al-Da'wa* newspaper, killed by the American-Iraqi joint troops when he was covering a military raid on a mosques in Baghdad March19, 2006

107- Kamil Manahi Anbar, reporter in *Al-Nahar* and correspondent of the *Institute of War and Peace Journalism*, killed while he was covering an American military raid on a mosque in Baghdad March19, 2006

108- Abdul Jalil Jasim Al-Mahamadawi, reporter in *Al-Risala* newspaper, killed in a suicide explosion while he was covering a Friday prayer in a mosque in Baghdad April8,2006

109-Qusai Al-Amiri, media coordinator in *Al-Bilad* radio, killed by unknown armed men in Baghdad April22, 2006.

(PS: this list stops at the end of April 2006)

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