

CJPME Condemns Removal of Sarah Jama From Elle Canada Trailblazers List

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*Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East (CJPME) condemns Elle Canada's decision to remove Ontario **MPP Sarah Jama** from its list of trailblazing women in an article titled "[These Incredible Canadians Have Broken The Glass Ceiling](#)." The decision followed attacks from pro-Israel commentators over her support for Palestinians. Elle Canada removed the reference to Jama in the article and added an editor's note claiming the decision was made to "protect everyone's safety." However, Sarah Jama herself [clarified on X, writing](#), "I haven't received any threats so it wasn't for my safety."*

"Scrubbing an article, effectively unpublished a portion about a pro-Palestine activist, is a serious violation of journalistic standards and an act of anti-Palestinian erasure," said Jason Toney, Director of Media Advocacy for CJPME. CJPME points out that the "excluding [...] Palestinian perspectives, Palestinians and their allies" is an explicit form of anti-Palestinian racism defined in the Arab Canadian Lawyers Association (ACLA) report, "[Anti-Palestinian Racism: Naming, Framing and Manifestations](#)." "The message sent by *Elle Canada* is that women will be disqualified from recognition as trailblazers if they stand up for Palestinian rights. It is shameful for *Elle Canada* to cave into the demands of bullies, especially at a time like this when Palestinians are facing genocide," Toney added.

CJPME is alarmed that such decisions set a dangerous precedent in the Canadian media landscape, as they violate the recommendations of the Canadian Association of Journalists and their "[Ethics of Unpublishing](#)." It is highly unethical to unpublish material, especially when the media is surrendering to political pressure and doing so in an explicitly racist fashion. The *Toronto Sun* published an [article](#) about *Elle Canada's* decision, effectively piling on to the censorship campaign and providing justifications for the decision. CJPME has already successfully challenged decisions by the [CBC](#) and the [Kingston Whig Standard](#) which sought to unpublish material following attacks from anti-Palestinian activists. In both cases, the outlets later restored the content.

CJPME urges *Elle Canada* to restore Sarah Jama to their article and to issue a public apology. The ethical failings of unpublishing are well-established, and editors at *Elle Canada* must not erase history to evade criticism.

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