

What Gaza journalist Mariam saw

Mariam Dagga was one of five Gazan journalists murdered by Israel on 25 August. A double airstrike on Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis killed at least 20 including four healthworkers.

Video taken at the scene shows a second strike apparently targeting rescuers who had arrived at the scene of the initial attack on southern Gaza's largest medical facility.

Mariam was a visual journalist, reporting for the Associated Press (AP). She said *"Every picture we take haunts our hearts and we convey what our lives look like through the lens, because it's our only way."*

She was slaughtered with:

Husam al-Masri a cameraman for Reuters, killed in a first strike while operating a live TV feed for Reuters.

Mohammad Salama worked for Al Jazeera, Middle East Eye.

Ahmed Abu Aziz, 28, worked for Middle East Eye.

Moaz Abu Taha worked with various outlets, including the Israeli newspaper Ha'aretz. After Mariam's death, her father told AP *"She was one of my beloved children. She cared for me and donated her kidney to me and they transplanted it. She was loved by everyone."*

Royal Liverpool University Hospital Consultant Surgeon Dr Abdel Hammad had carried out the transplant in Gaza.



Islam Qudeih shows her severely malnourished shirtless, 2-year-old daughter, Shamm, to journalists at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, 9 Aug, 2025. Shamm may have a genetic disorder that affects muscle and bone development, but there is no way to test for it in Gaza. (AP Photo/Mariam Dagga)

In mid August, AP published Mariam Dagga's feature on children starving at Nasser Hospital. It begins

"The dead body of 2 1/2-year-old Ro'a Mashi lay on the table in Gaza's Nasser Hospital, her arms and rib cage skeletal, her eyes sunken in her skull.

"Doctors say she had no pre-existing conditions and wasted away over months as her family struggled to find food and treatment. Her family showed The Associated Press a photo of Ro'a's body at the hospital, and it was confirmed by the doctor who received her remains.

"Several days after she died, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told local media, *'There is no hunger. There was no hunger. There was a shortage, and there was certainly no policy of starvation.'*"

Gaza hospital attack 'should shock the world'

By killing journalists, Israel may hope to erase the memory of what is happening in Gaza. But the whole world is watching.

The UN declared *"At least 247 Palestinian journalists have been killed since 7 Oct 2023. The killing of journalists should shock the world, not into stunned silence, but into action, demanding accountability & justice. These incidents must absolutely be investigated and those responsible must be held accountable."*