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Two more media deaths

## Explosion kills Italian video reporter and Palestinian interpreter in Gaza Strip

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Media toll reaches 15. The Italian reporter is the first foreign journalist to be killed in the Gaza conflict

As negotiations between Palestinians and Israelis resumed in Cairo, *Associated Press* video journalist **Simone Camilli** and his Palestinian interpreter **Ali Abu Afash** were [killed today](#) while covering an [attempt to defuse an Israeli missile](#) in the northern Gaza town of Beit Lahya.

Their deaths brought to 15 the number of media personnel killed since Israel launched Operation Protective Edge in the Gaza Strip on 8 July. Nine of them have been killed in connection with their work. Camilli, an Italian citizen, was the first foreign journalist to be killed.

Aged 35, Camilli, had worked for the *Associated Press* since 2005. Afash, 36, was a freelancer interpreter working for various media including the *AP* and *Agence France-Presse*. He also worked with the [Gaza Centre for Media Freedom](#).

They were [killed when the missile exploded](#) during the attempt to defuse it. They were doing a report on unexploded Israeli bombs and missiles and were accompanying a team of Palestinian engineers.

The explosion [killed](#) at least three other people and seriously injured four others, including **Hatem Moussa**, a Palestinian photographer working for the *AP*.

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