

Embassy of Israel in the United States
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Dear Brig. Gen. Itai Ofir,

I am concerned about the enforced disappearance of **Haitham Abdelwahed** and **Nidal al-Waheidi**, two journalists from the occupied Gaza Strip whose whereabouts have remained unknown since October 7, 2023. The detention of the two journalists was widely documented on that day. Since the two went missing while on duty, their families, colleagues and friends have received no information about them from the Israeli authorities, not even confirmation that they are still alive.

We urge you to immediately disclose the whereabouts of Nidal al-Waheidi and Haitham Abdelwahed, detail the legal grounds for their detention, ensure their humane treatment, including access to medical services and protection from torture and other ill-treatment, and grant them access to the lawyers appointed by their families. Unless they are charged promptly with a recognizable criminal offense and granted a fair trial in accordance with international standards, they must be immediately released.

Yours sincerely,