

Analysis

Expert says journalist's death will fuel revenge attacks, no matter the explanation

The diplomatic crisis over the death of a Palestinian-American reporter is solvable, eventually, but further radicalization of those hostile to Israel is already underway

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An expert said the death of a veteran Palestinian-American journalist during an Israeli military raid in the West Bank on Wednesday morning will radicalize potential terrorists, and will likely cause diplomatic damage to Israel, as the army scrambled to explain the incident.

“There are calls for revenge on social media now, and from here starts the need to thwart the next terror attack,” said **Orit Perlov**, a research fellow at the **Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)** who specializes in Palestinian social media.

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Perlov told The Times of Israel that a diplomatic crisis as a result of the incident could be solved, in time, but the radicalization of a potential Palestinian terrorist could not.

“Words don’t contradict a video... it doesn’t help at all for teenage Palestinians,” she said. “They see a young Palestinian dragging a woman covered in blood. Anything Israel brings after an hour is useless,” she said. “It’s only good for the court, for the Americans, for Al Jazeera.”

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