

JOURNALISTS SAFETY

GUIDE

Lebanon - war coverage



In times of war, and as many journalists prepare to cover developments on the ground, it is important to highlight and remind them of key guidelines to ensure their protection while carrying out their work

BEFORE HEADING TO THE FIELD

Coordinate in advance with the relevant parties on the ground.

Identify and study the safest route to reach the filming or reporting location.



Conduct a risk assessment before any assignment and prepare an evacuation plan in case the level of danger increases.

Understand the developments and different phases of the conflict in order to adjust movement and positioning plans.

Select reporting teams for conflict areas based on experience, knowledge, and specialization, which is the role of the media institutions.

SAFETY WHILE ON THE MOVE

Keep press identification clearly visible on vehicles, clothing, and equipment



Do not store extra fuel or weapons inside the media vehicle



Do not allow anyone outside the media team to get into the vehicle.

While driving, keep a safe distance from the vehicle following behind.

Ensure the vehicle is in good condition and equipped with spare tires

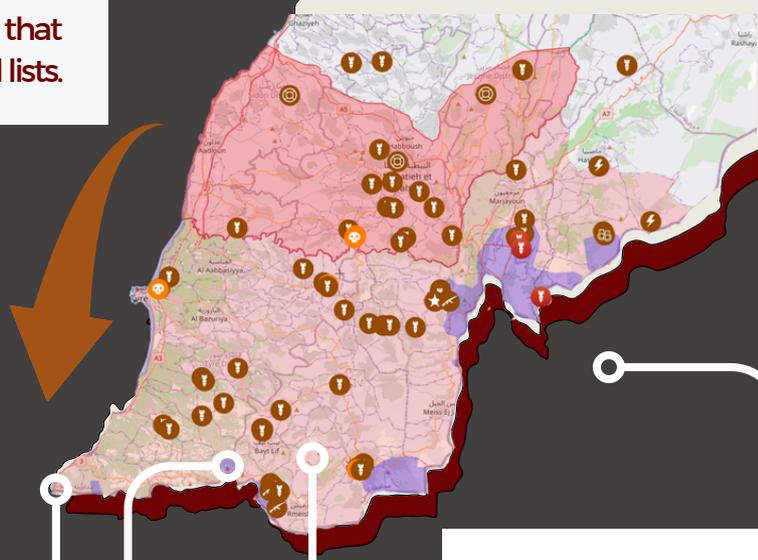
Carry some water and food for emergencies.

WHILE FILMING IN WAR ZONES



COORDINATION AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Obtain the necessary permits for areas south of the Litani and ensure that your name is on the approved lists.



Coordinate with the army and UNIFIL and provide them with accurate information about the team and the vehicle being used

Maintain continuous communication with the newsroom for updates and monitoring.



Do not enter areas where military incursions are taking place due to the high risk of being targeted.

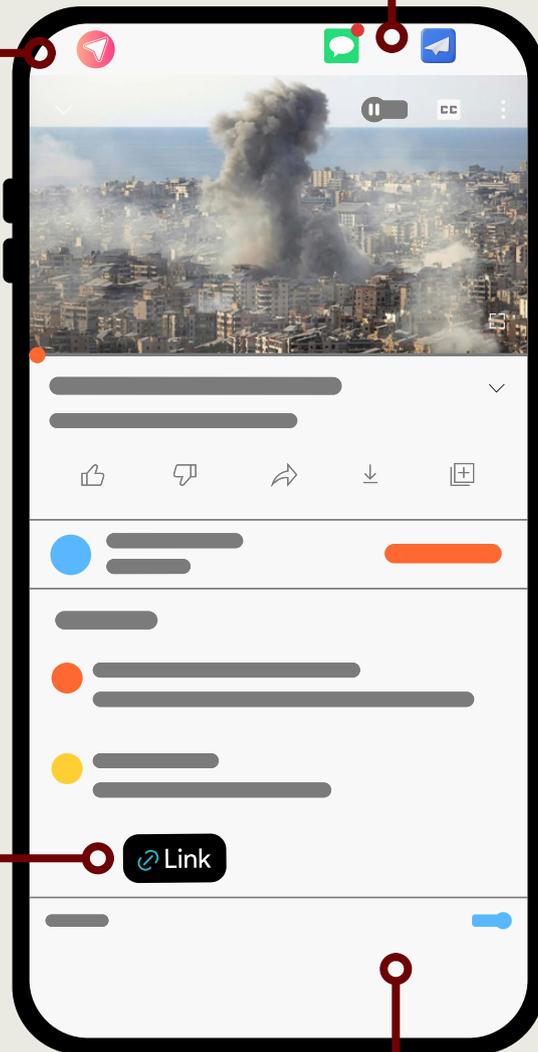
If a nearby media team is targeted, first ensure the area is safe before intervening and contact emergency services and the army



DIGITAL SAFETY IN TIMES OF WAR

Avoid publishing your geographic location or sensitive information directly during coverage

Use encrypted communication applications to protect correspondence with sources and team members



Prepare a digital emergency plan in case your phone is confiscated or your devices are lost



Secure phones and devices with strong passwords and enable two-factor authentication

Do not open suspicious links or messages that could be hacking attempts or phishing attacks

Make sure to keep backup copies of journalistic materials on secure platforms



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