MAY 15, 2022 The Killing of Shireen Abu Akleh

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International

"according to witnesses and the Palestinian health ministry." Abu Akleh, an American citizen and veteran TV coorespondent for Al Jazeera Arabic, was shot "while covering Israeli army raids in the city of Jenin in the northern occupied West Bank." (Al Jazeera, 5/12) The circumstances of her killing suggest that the press was deliberately targeted.

Journalist Shireen Abu Akleh was shot and killed by Israeli forces on May 11,

Abu Akleh "was wearing a press vest and was standing with other journalists

Another Al Jazeera journalist, Ali al-Samoudi, was also wounded by a bullet in the

when she was shot with a bullet just under her ear.

back at the scene. He is now in stable condition.

fighters present when they were shot at...."

Al-Samoudi, witnesses, and other journalists said there were no Palestinian

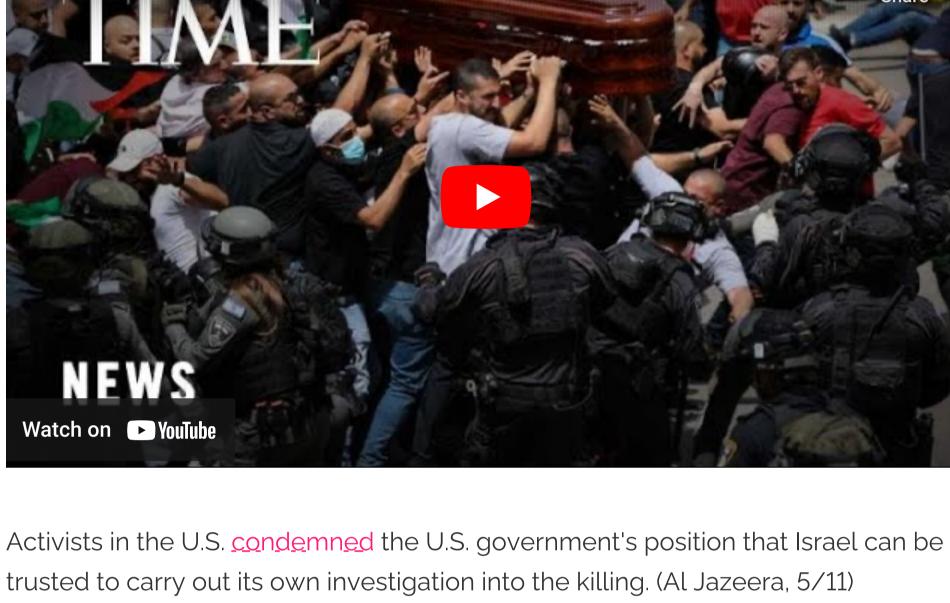


while 19-year-old Eleen Salameh said, "I opened my eyes to the world watching Shireen.'" (Al Jazeera, 5/12) On May 13, Israeli police attacked the funeral procession for Abu Akleh. (Al Jazeera, 5/14)

At a state service for Abu Akleh held in Ramallah on May 12, journalism student

Azhar Khalaf told Al Jazeera that Abu Akleh "'was the voice of truth and justice,'"

Israeli Police Attack Mourners at Journalist Shireen Abu Akleh's Funeral



The AP reports that on May 11, the Interior Department released a "study of Native American boarding schools that for over a century sought to assimilate

U.S.

government...."

and abuse." (5/11)

Environment

deaths at the schools, but that number is expected to grow dramatically as research continues. Over 400 schools were "established or supported by the U.S.

"The dark history of Native American boarding schools — where children were

Indigenous children into white society...." The study identified over 500 student

forced from their families, prohibited from speaking their languages and often abused — has been felt deeply across Indian Country and through generations. Many children never returned home, and the Interior Department said that with further investigation the number of known student deaths could climb to the

thousands or even tens of thousands. Causes included disease, accidental injuries

Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, who is a member of the Laguna Pueblo tribe, delivered remarks on the report.

A Grist article discusses a report by the Climate and Community Project written by

Olufemi Táíwò and Patrick Bigger which calls on wealthy countries and

adaptation and fossil fuel-free development — especially as many countries'

capacity to make those kinds of investments has been strained during the COVID-

multilateral organizations (such as the World Bank and International Monetary Fund) to cancel the publicly held debt of poor countries. This debt cancellation "could quickly free up fiscal space for the developing world to invest in climate

19 pandemic." "In addition to debt cancellation, Táíwò and Bigger call for a rapid increase in climate finance from the Global North." Many developing countries face both a deteriorating environment and increasing debt. However, "the least developed countries have only contributed about 8 percent of the planet's greenhouse gas emissions since 1850," and the report states that the debt crisis is rooted in the history of colonialism and slavery. (5/13)

Opinion

want. (Global Voices, 5/12)

a friend!

partisan polarization. (The Bulwark, 5/11)

Shireen Abu Akleh. (Al Jazeera, 5/13) **Diane Orentlicher**: The landscape of global justice has changed to the point that

Sultan Barakat: The International Criminal Court should investigate the killing of

a Putin war crimes trial is possible. (NBC News, 5/9) Basil Fernando: Amid an economic and political crisis, this is what Sri Lankans

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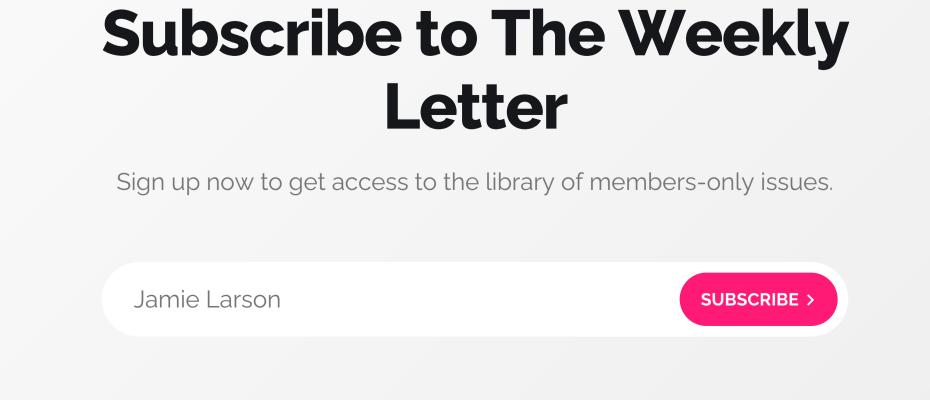


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