

31st North-South Prize of the Council of Europe

At its meeting in Lisbon on 29 October 2025, the Jury¹ of the North-South Prize of the Council of Europe selected **Mr Bragi Guðbrandsson** and **Mr Rami Abou Jamous** as the laureates of the 31st edition of the Prize.



Short version:

Mr Rami Abou Jamous is a Palestinian war correspondent based in Gaza, whose reporting provides a firsthand account of daily life under bombardment and displacement. As the founder of Gaza Press and the author of two books, he is widely recognised for his strong commitment to press freedom in a highly challenging and volatile reporting environment. His work highlights both the urgent need to ensure the safety of journalists and the extremely perilous conditions in which media professionals operate in Gaza and the West Bank.

Full version:

Mr Rami Abou Jamous is a Palestinian war correspondent based in Gaza recognised internationally for his coverage and commitment to journalistic integrity in a highly challenging and volatile reporting environment. Drawing on his lived and professional experience in the region – living through the 1982 Lebanon War and growing up in exile in Beirut and Tunis - he has reported extensively on conflict and its human impact.

After the Oslo Accords, Mr Abou Jamous moved to Gaza initially aspiring to become an engineer and was awarded a scholarship by the French Cultural Centre in Gaza to study in Aix-en-Provence. Following his return from France, he held several roles in the civil service, including as coordinating director of the Rafah crossing. In 2006, he transitioned into

¹ The Jury is chaired by the President of the North-South Centre Executive Committee and is made up of members of the Bureau of the North-South Centre. The deliberations took place during the 35th meeting of the Executive Committee, which took place on 29 October 2025. Before the public announcement, the Laureates confirmed their acceptance of the Prize.

journalism, working as a reporter, producer, and translator for a range of French-speaking media outlets.

In 2013, Mr Abou Jamous co-founded Gaza Press, a centre that supports and trains journalists with backing from the European Union, Switzerland, Norway, Canada, and UNESCO, among others. Following the ban on international media entering Gaza after 7 October 2023, Mr Abou Jamous became one of the few independent journalists providing direct, first-hand accounts of the relentless bombardment, displacement, and daily life in Gaza. His acclaimed “Gaza Diary”, comprising more than 100 entries published with Orient XXI and later compiled into a book, has brought the realities of Gaza to international audiences and has received widespread recognition.

Mr Abou Jamous’ reporting, that often comes at great personal risk, has reached international audiences worldwide in regular appearances in major media outlets such as France24, Le Monde, The New York Times, Radio France, Arte.tv, and RFI. He is also the author of “Gaza Vie” published in 2025.

His outstanding contributions to journalism have earned him several accolades, including an unprecedented three Bayeux Calvados-Normandie War Correspondent Prizes for written press, large form television, and Ouest-France–Jean Marin Prize, as well as the French National Order of Merit.

By awarding the 31st North-South Prize of the Council of Europe to Mr Rami Abou Jamous, the Jury recognises his commitment to defending press freedom in a highly challenging and volatile reporting environment. His work highlights both the urgent need to ensure the safety of journalists and the extremely perilous conditions in which media professionals operate in Gaza and the West Bank.

Mr Abou Jamous is married and father of two children.