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Dear

A year ago on May 11th, the Palestinian American Journalist, Shireen Abu Akleh was killed as she and her Al Jazeera colleagues were covering an Israel Defense Forces (IDF) raid on the Jenin Refugee Camp in the West Bank.

Shireen was wearing her flak jacket and helmet, both clearly labelled PRESS but despite this, as she and her producer walked into the camp a barrage of bullets was fired. Shireen was fatally shot in the back of her head and the producer was shot in the back but has since recovered from his wounds. Fellow journalists testified that there was no active gunfire or presence of Palestinian resisters when the shots rang out. There was, however, an IDF truck in firing range with highly trained sharpshooters.

The IDF immediately denied that they were responsible for the shooting. After investigations by CNN, the Washington Post, The New York Times, Associated Press and B'Tselem conclusively showed that the shots had come from an IDF soldier, they recanted. However, they continue to claim that the shooting was 'unintentional'.

To date no one has been held responsible.

On the anniversary of Shireen's unlawful killing, as your constituent, I ask you to present this case to the Foreign Secretary and the Minister for the Middle East, and call on them and the UK Government

- to denounce the killing of Shireen Abu Akleh by the IDF; and
- to demand that Israel is held to account for her death and that those responsible are brought to justice.

It is only when this has been achieved that Shireen's family will feel that justice has been done.

I look forward to hearing your response and those of the Ministers.

Yours sincerely,