Israel's crackdown on foreign press intensifies in October

In just one month, Israeli authorities' actions against foreign journalists — bans, deportations and denials of entry — surged, overtaking the number of actions taken in more than a year prior. These restrictions blocked the press from covering record settler violence against Palestinians and others that has occurred in October 2026 during the West Bank's olive harvest.

During 2025's olive harvest, CPJ documented numerous attacks against Palestinian and foreign journalists, and the UN reported a record number of overall settler attacks.

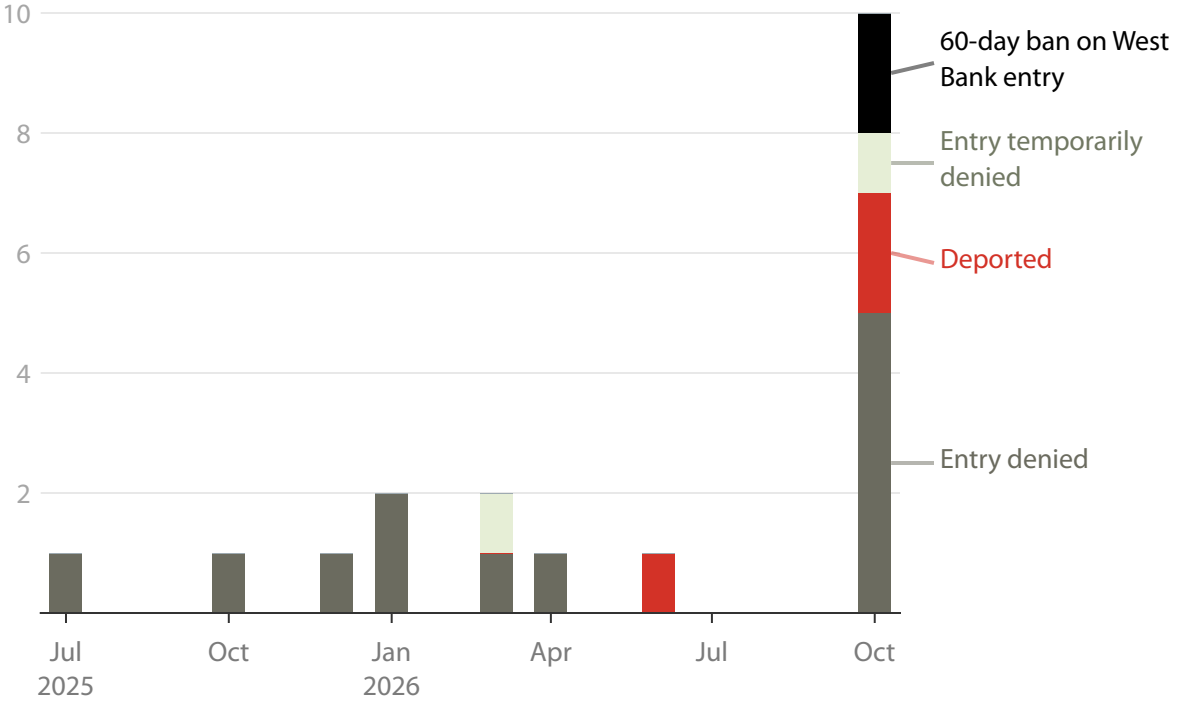


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