

Giles Trendle
Managing Director, Al Jazeera English



Giles Trendle is Managing Director of Al Jazeera English, an acclaimed and award-winning news and current affairs channel based in the Middle East. Giles oversees an editorial staff of over 400 people based in its centres of Doha, London, Washington DC and Kuala Lumpur, as well as in over 60 bureaus around the world. Al Jazeera English produces 24/7 programming for a worldwide TV audience in over 315 million households and mobile content for global digital consumers. Giles began his career in the late 1980's as a freelance reporter in Lebanon for British media covering the country's civil war and hostage crisis. As a journalist and filmmaker, he

has also worked in Egypt, Iraq, Israel and the Palestinian territories, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan.

Christophe Deloire
Secretary General, Reporters Without Borders



Christophe Deloire has been secretary-general and executive director of Reporters Without Borders (RSF) since 2012. He is also the chair of the Forum on Information and Democracy, which is the implementation body of the Partnership on Information and Democracy, signed by 45 countries. He ran one of the leading French journalism schools, the CFJ, from 2008 to 2012. He was previously an investigative reporter for the French news magazine Le Point from 1998 to 2007. He has also worked for the TV channels ARTE and TF1, made documentary films, edited several authors and published many bestselling books.

Vedika Sud
CNN correspondent



Vedika Sud is a reporter for CNN based at the network's New Delhi bureau. She is responsible for leading the editorial agenda and news gathering in India and the region. Vedika has been a broadcast journalist for over 15 years in India. She has worked as a primetime anchor, reporter and producer with English-language national news networks including India Today, NewsX and Times Now. During her career, Sud has covered a variety of stories, including environmental issues, national and regional elections, politics, terror attacks, and social and gender equality. Vedika Sud graduated with a degree in English Literature from Sophia College

for Women in Mumbai. She is originally from Kolkata and is fluent in Hindi and Bengali

Prasad Kaushalya Dodangodage
Assistant Director Foreign and English News, SLRC



Prasad Kaushalya Dodangodage is a senior journalist of Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation, the state television of Sri Lanka and currently serving as the Assistant Director Foreign and English news. He has 27 years of experience in journalism and served as a reporter, news editor, AVN coordinator, producer, director and administrator during tough times such as war, tsunami disaster, political unrests, natural disaster, Covid 10 pandemic and the economic crisis. He holds a masters degree in International Relations and foreign titles and training such as Edward R Murrow fellow, CNN –IPP and Asiavision

Attachment scheme.

Ging Reyes
Senior Vice President and Head of Integrated News and Current Affairs ABS-CBN Corporation



Maria Regina "Ging" Reyes is a seasoned news executive with more than 30 years' experience as a broadcast journalist. She is responsible for its strategic direction and oversees news and information gathering for all of its news programs in free-to-air, UHF, cable, digital, mobile, social media, radio and global platforms. Under her leadership for the past decade, ABSCBN News continues to produce the most watched news program in the Philippines via TV Patrol, while in radio DZMM holds the number one spot on AM and MOR on FM, remains the number one station in Metro Manila and in various parts of the country. ABSCBNnews.com is currently the top news website in the Philippines and among the biggest Facebook publishers in the

world. Prior to her appointment as Head of News & Current Affairs, Reyes was the network's North America News Bureau Chief from 2002 to 2010.

Ali Mustafa
Correspondent, TRT



Ali Mustafa is a war correspondent with extensive experience covering conflict and natural disasters. He spent 100 days in Ukraine reporting for Turkiye's public broadcaster TRT on Russia's military buildup and eventual attack, as well as alleged Russian war crimes in the towns of Bucha and Irpin. Ali was the first foreign journalist to land at Kabul airport on an evacuation flight after Ashraf Ghani's government fled on 15 August 2021. In 2018, Ali became the first foreign journalist in half a decade to report from Al

Qaeda-controlled Idlib city in northwestern Syria. Ali has previously reported for Al Jazeera English, CBC/Radio-Canada and VICE News. Ali is an adjunct professor of digital journalism at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism in Qatar. He has masters degrees in Politics and Journalism from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism and School of International Public Affairs.

Imogen Anderson
Senior South Asia Producer, BBC



Imogen Anderson is the BBC's Senior South Asia producer based in Delhi. Before that, she was the BBC's Defence and Security producer, based in London. She has worked as a producer for BBC News since 2007, mainly in foreign news and deploying regularly to breaking and rolling news stories. She has travelled frequently to Afghanistan, on embeds when international troops were there, covered the lead up to the fall of Kabul and now travels regularly to Afghanistan covering the situation in the country under the Taliban. Imogen has also spent time working in the BBC Cairo bureau covering the Arab Spring, the BBC Brussels bureau covering the refugee crisis and Brexit, and the BBC New York bureau covering the first few months of the Trump administration. Most recently she has been in Ukraine covering the war and documenting the

atrocities committed by Russian forces in areas around Kyiv.

Amrit Pal Singh
Senior anchor and correspondent, DD India



Amritpal Singh has been a journalist for 25 years and has extensive experience reporting from conflict zones. He has covered multiple conflict situations like the Arab Spring, the civil war in Syria, the Ukraine-Russia war and the resultant refugee crisis, and most recently the economic and political crisis in Sri Lanka. He has reported from Pakistan, Palestine, Afghanistan, Africa, Mauritius, Russia, Israel, the United States, The Netherlands and Turkey. He has reported extensively from Kashmir in India and Ladakh during the India-China military faceoff. He has covered various international summits like the G-20 and BRICS. Before joining DD India 20 years ago, he worked for newspapers, including The Indian Express and Business Standard.

Jamie Ross
Chief of Staff, Zero Risk

Jamie Ross coordinates Zero Risk's global operations and specialises in Asia. He is currently based in Dhaka. He organises and delivers specialist training to journalists, NGOs, retail and government. This includes training in hostile environments, evasive driving skills, crisis management, occupational violence, conflict resolution, public order riot training, first aid, and

chemical, biological and radiation reporting. He also provides operational support to news organisations for major events, investigative reporting and conflict situations. Jamie has previously worked as a police officer, an instructor at Scotland Yard, in counter terrorism at Heathrow Airport and as part of the Royalty protection branch.

Bharat Bhushan
South Asia Editor for 360info



Bharat is South Asia Editor for 360info. A senior Indian journalist and columnist and former television show host on Foreign Affairs for Rajya Sabha TV, Bharat has served as Editor of Catch News, founding Editor of Mail Today, Executive Editor of the Hindustan Times, Editor of The Telegraph in Delhi, Editor of the Express-News Service, Washington Correspondent of the Indian Express and an Assistant Editor with The Times of India.

Steven Chia
Anchor, Channelnews Asia



Steven is an award-winning journalist with over two decades of experience behind him. He currently anchors current affairs programme Talking Point which looks at current issues affecting people in Singapore. Prior to that Steven helmed both the morning and evening prime time news bulletins on CNA. Outside of work, Steven is an avid volunteer. He sits on the board of the YMCA of Singapore, is an advisory board member for the Communications and New Media Department at the National University of Singapore and also a District Councilor for the Southwest Community Development Council.

Kiratikorn Naksompop Blauw
Editor in Chief, Thai PBS World



Kiratikorn Naksompop Blauw is Editor in Chief at Thai PBS World, an English language news service in Thailand. She also teaches radio production at Chulalongkorn university and believes good journalism is a powerful tool that can enable, or even make, real changes in society. She joined the TV industry as a news announcer on an English language TV channel, after moving back to Thailand in 2008.

Matt O'Sullivan
Managing Editor Asia Pacific news, ABC Australia



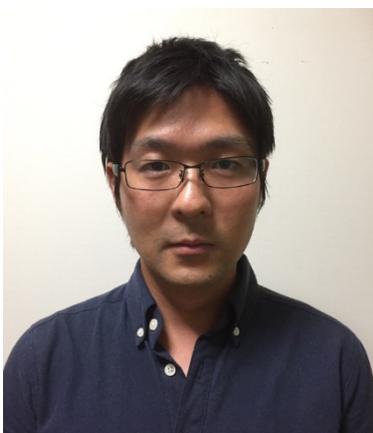
Matt O'Sullivan is Managing Editor of the ABC's Asia Pacific newsroom in Melbourne. APN provides TV, radio and digital news services to both local and international audiences, with a firm focus on the Asia Pacific region. Output includes breaking international news for the ABC News website and app; in-depth digital features providing context and understanding around key issues; in-language websites in Chinese, Bahasa Indonesian, and Tok Pisin; The World on the ABC News channel/ABC Australia; and current affairs programs Pacific Beat, Wantok and Pacific Review on Radio Australia. Matt has worked across newspapers, radio, TV and online in a career spanning three decades and has a long history of editorial leadership and management.

Indra Singh
Manager News and Sports, FBC Fiji



Indra has been in the media industry for 22 years, starting off in 2000 as a sports reporter in the newspaper industry. He has over the years worked his way up the ranks having taken on leadership roles such as senior editor, online editor and sports editor. He has worked in Fiji's newspaper industry with The Daily Post and the Fiji Times, and now with the FBC, which has six radio stations and three free to air TV stations, where he is currently the head of news and sports. Indra has also worked in the public relations field, where he was the PR and Sponsorship manager for Digicel Fiji. He has covered several local and international events and is completing his Masters from the University of the South Pacific.

Masaki Kichijo
Deputy Director, Global IT Innovation, NHK Japan



Masaki Kichijo started his career as a video journalist for NHK Nagasaki in 2011. He planned, researched and edited all aspects of news, with a focus on politics, education and sports. After five years, he moved to the NHK head office in Tokyo to work as a news director in the Video Operation Center and he created digital contents optimised for mobile devices and social media platforms such as Twitter or Facebook. Masaki was appointed Deputy Director in the Global IT Innovation Section in 2021. Global IT innovation deals with the management of NHK's international network and the development of equipment to assist NHK's news coverage. He is currently endeavoring to construct new infrastructure for video transmission using AI and the cloud network.

Anita Dullard

Spokesperson for Asia and the Pacific at the International Committee of the Red Cross



Anita Dullard is a media and advocacy strategist. She has more than 10 years' experience working in international humanitarian emergencies, working across natural disasters, migration crises and conflict. Before this Anita worked in Australia and the UK in environment and humanitarian sectors. She is also co-chair of ICRC's climate change and environmental degradation workstream in the region. Anita completed both a BA and Masters of Public History at Monash University, Melbourne.

Faiese Matafeo

Chief Executive Officer, Samoa Broadcasting Corporation Limited



Faiese Matafeo has been working in Radio and Television media for almost 30 years with almost half of that time spent in senior Management roles. Faiese is the CEO of a private Radio and Television service in Samoa and the Chairperson of Pacific Media Partnership. Prior to this, Faiese was the Chief Executive Officer for the Government Public Broadcasting Service. Faiese has also served at the UNDP Regional Office in Samoa as Public Affairs Officer where she was part of a worldwide network of UN communication staff and later as an External Relations specialist.

Jonathan Dumont

Head of Television Communications at the World Food Programme



Jonathan Dumont is the United Nations World Programme's (WFP) Emmy Award-winning Head of Television Communications. Since 2003, he has produced video content for WFP, the UN's frontline emergency relief agency and the world's largest humanitarian aid organization. He frequently travels to war zones and frontlines of hunger in places like Syria, Ukraine, Afghanistan, South Sudan and Yemen to produce video content for use by news broadcasters. In 2020, WFP was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to combat hunger, for its contribution to bettering conditions for peace in conflict-affected

areas and for acting as a driving force in efforts to prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict. Prior to joining WFP, Jonathan was a broadcast news producer for more than 20 years. He won several Emmys and other prestigious journalism awards.

**Avani Dias,
South Asia correspondent, ABC Australia**



Avani Dias is the ABC's South Asia correspondent based in New Delhi. Previously she was the host of the ABC's national youth current affairs show "Hack" on triple J, where she was also a contributing reporter for Four Corners, Australia's leading television program for investigative journalism. Avani has also worked as an ABC News reporter across online, radio and TV in Sydney and Darwin and country New South Wales.

**Manupriya
Assistant Director, DD News**



Manupriya is a civil servant. After graduating in Commerce from Delhi University, she was selected for the Indian Information Service. In addition to other managerial responsibilities, she has served as Editor-in-Chief in DD News and on important projects like DD Conclaves and Start-up Champions Show. She also looks after liaison with AVN. Manupriya has also worked on the organisation of prestigious film events like the International Film Festival of India & National Film Awards.

**Abdullah Al Mamun
News Producer, Bangladesh Television**



Abdullah Al Mamun is a TV producer and a journalist. He has worked for Bangladesh Television since 2008. Since then, I have covered several local and international news events. I also produced many TV programs on news and current affairs. Moreover, I have been looking after the Asiavision desk in BTV for the last four years. I did my graduation and post-graduation in Mass Communication and Journalism from a reputed public university of Bangladesh. Besides, I have successfully completed many local and international training programs. I also did a three-week long fellowship program in The Netherlands organized by Radio Netherlands Training Centre (RNTC). Now, I am looking forward to achieve excellence in the field of media and communication.

Emilio San Pedro

Senior Editor/Head of the Eurovision News Exchange at the European Broadcasting Union



Emilio is the Senior Editor of the EBU News Exchange, based in Geneva. Prior to joining the EBU in 2021 he was at the BBC for 22 years where he worked across many of its departments in a variety of on-air and editorial/managerial roles. He was the BBC's Americas Editor from 2005-2010 and later was one of the editors of the BBC's internal news agency, Newswire, where he played a leading role in the launch of the BBC's main Twitter accounts including BBCBreaking and BBC World. He also led the setting up and launch of Monitoring's Miami based Latin American media team as its Regional Manager for Latin America. In 2016 he returned to a prominent on-air role as one of the Senior Presenters of the BBC World Service's Newsroom programme and the Global News Podcast - the BBC WS' most popular podcast. He began his broadcasting career in his native Miami where he worked as a producer and on-air host.

Chandra Muzaffar

President, International Movement for a Just World



Dr. Chandra Muzaffar is the President of the International Movement for a Just World (JUST), an international NGO based in Malaysia, which seeks to critique global injustice and to develop an alternative vision of a just and compassionate civilisation guided by universal spiritual and moral values. He has published extensively on civilizational dialogue, international politics, religion, human rights and Malaysian society. He is the author and editor of 32 books in English and Malay. Many of his writings have been translated into other languages. Among Chandra's latest publications are, *A World in Crisis: Is There a Cure?* and *Reflections on Malaysian Unity and Other Challenges*. Chandra sits on the boards of a number of international NGOs and is the recipient of numerous international awards for his scholarship and social activism.