

Bel Trew

Bel is The Independent's award-winning chief international correspondent, a documentary filmmaker and photojournalist. Born and raised in the Gulf, Bel has been covering the Middle and North Africa region since the 2011 uprisings reporting on conflicts and revolutions from Libya to Yemen—from Gaza to Syria. She lived seven years in Cairo, and was later based for several years in Jerusalem, Beirut and is now in Berlin. This is the fourth conflict between Israel and Gaza Bel has covered on the ground—she reported from inside Gaza during the 2012 and 2014 wars. With a background in the Baltic States, Bel widened her focus to Eastern Europe after Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, reporting from the frontlines of the war where she shot and directed her first documentary "The Body in the Woods" released this year. Bel was named international journalist of the year at this year's UK's Press Awards.