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-United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)-

Emirates News Agency (WAM)



• Year established: 1976

• Agency type: State-run national news agency

The Emirates News Agency (WAM) is the official media arm of the UAE, offering coverage in multiple languages and reporting on diplomatic, humanitarian, and development efforts in the Middle East and globally. During the Syrian refugee crisis, WAM reported extensively on the UAE's humanitarian response, highlighting aid deliveries, refugee education programs in Jordan, and infrastructure projects in refugee camps.

This agency serves as a diplomatic voice reflecting the UAE's regional soft power and humanitarian positioning.

Elaph



• Year established: 2001

• Agency type: Independent Arabic digital news outlet

Elaph was the first Arabic-language online daily to operate independently of any government, offering liberal, pan-Arab perspectives on regional politics, civil rights, and migration. Throughout the Syrian conflict, Elaph published interviews with Syrian dissidents, op-eds criticizing the international community's delay in protecting civilians, and coverage of refugee conditions in Lebanon and Europe.

This agency exemplifies free, uncensored Arab journalism with a regional conscience.

Middle Eastern News Agency (MENA)



• Year established: 2011

• Agency type: Nonprofit, independent grassroots media outlet

Enab Baladi was founded by Syrian civilians during the early uprising to document the civil war and its human toll. As refugees fled Syria, the agency provided firsthand accounts from camps in Turkey and Lebanon, exposed abuses against displaced persons, and advocated for international accountability. Its field reporters often lived among refugee communities.

This agency is a rare, authentic voice for Syrian civil society and displaced populations.

Al Jazeera



• Year established: 1996

• Agency type: Independent international news network based in Doha, Qatar

Al Jazeera covered the Syrian refugee crisis extensively—broadcasting in-depth reports from camps in Lebanon, Turkey, and Jordan, and highlighting the human cost of displacement. It documented perilous sea crossings, shifting European asylum policies, and the struggles of refugee children to access education and healthcare. Its documentaries and field reports offered a rare, unfiltered look into daily refugee life.

This agency blends powerful storytelling with regional expertise, shaping global understanding of humanitarian crises.

-United Nations Security Council (UNSC) -

Deutsche Presse-Agentur (DPA)



• Year established: 1949

• **Agency type:** National news agency based in Hamburg, Germany

Deutsche Presse-Agentur (dpa) was pivotal during the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. Its journalists provided real-time updates, eyewitness accounts, and detailed reports from both sides of the border, capturing the emotions, political tensions, and public celebrations as history unfolded. It also covered government responses and international reactions comprehensively.

This agency remains Germany's most trusted news source, known for its accuracy, neutrality, and extensive global network.

Telegraph Agency of the Soviet Union (TASS)



• Year established: 1904

• Agency type: State-run official news agency of the Soviet Union (now Russia)

TASS was the authoritative Soviet source during the Berlin Wall crisis. It justified the wall as a protective barrier against Western interference and fascism, shaping domestic and global pro-Soviet narratives. It issued official briefings, denied Western claims of oppression, and coordinated messaging across the Eastern Bloc.

This agency continues to operate as a key state broadcaster with historical Soviet significance.

Associated Press (AP)



• Year established: 1846

• Agency type: U.S.-based nonprofit news cooperative and international wire service

The Associated Press had correspondents on the ground when East Germany, backed by the Soviet Union, began sealing the border. AP wire reports detailed overnight troop deployments, mass protests, and reactions from NATO and the UN. Its global syndication meant the world learned of Berlin's sudden division within hours.

This agency is a cornerstone of modern journalism and one of the most widely cited in international affairs.

-The Imperial Court of Napoleon (INC)-

The London Gazette



• Year established: 1665

• Agency type: Official government gazette of the United Kingdom

During Napoleon's reign, *The London Gazette* functioned as the British government's formal channel for military and diplomatic communication. It published war declarations, military appointments, royal proclamations, and court announcements reacting to Napoleon's campaigns. The Gazette served as the primary public record of Britain's official stance toward France and its shifting alliances.

This agency remains one of the oldest and most authoritative official publications in the world.

The Times (London)



- Year established: 1785 (renamed *The Times* in 1788)
- Agency type: Independent British daily newspaper

Active during the height of Napoleon's rule, *The Times* delivered war correspondence, editorials, and detailed accounts of political developments from across Europe. It offered early journalism on the French court, the Battle of Austerlitz, and reactions to Napoleon's self-coronation as Emperor. Its coverage shaped British public opinion and parliamentary discourse

This agency continues to be a leading force in international journalism with deep historical influence.

Agence France-Presse (AFP)



- Year established: 1835 (as Agence Havas), renamed AFP in 1944
- **Agency type:** International news agency based in Paris

AFP played a crucial role in covering the 1961 Berlin Wall construction. Its reporters filed real-time updates from both East and West Berlin, capturing the speed of the Soviet-backed operation and the international political fallout. It published interviews with Berliners cut off from family and covered Allied responses.

This agency remains a globally trusted source with unmatched archival depth and field reporting.