



ARCHIVIO DISARMO AWARD GOLDEN DOVES FOR PEACE 2025

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THREE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM GAZA – TWO WOMEN AND A MAN – WIN THE JOURNALISM CATEGORY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ARCHIVIO DISARMO “GOLDEN DOVES FOR PEACE” AWARD

Archivio Disarmo, the peace study center in Rome, has announced the winners of the 41st edition of the Archivio Disarmo Award – Golden Doves for Peace 2025, to be held in Rome on October 18.

In a unanimous decision, the Jury – composed of Fabrizio Battistelli, Giovanna Botteri, Dora Iacobelli, Riccardo Iacona, Andrea Riccardi and Tana de Zulueta – chose to honor the brave and often life-risking work of Palestinian journalists reporting from Gaza.

The three awarded journalists are Aya Ashour, Fatena Mohanna, and Alhassan Selmi.

Aya Ashour is a young journalist originally from Gaza, who has emerged to be one of the most authentic and courageous voices covering the current conflict. Since the outbreak of war, she has been collaborating with "Il Fatto Quotidiano", documenting the dramatic living conditions in Gaza, with particular attention to the suffering of women. Thanks to the intervention of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Aya was able to reach the University for Foreigners of Siena four weeks ago, where she is now involved in study and research activities. The Golden Dove for Peace acknowledges the value of a young woman in defense of the right to information and the right to education.

Fatena Mohanna, also a Golden Dove recipient, is a young photographer who lives and works in the Gaza Strip. Her powerful yet sensitive photography captures the paradoxical “everyday life” of a population under siege, offering testimony more compelling than any analysis. Alongside journalist Alhassan Selmi, Fatena contributed essential images and insights to a recent report aired by "*Presa Diretta*" (Rai 3, Italian public television).

Alhassan Selmi is a Palestinian journalist, photojournalist and videomaker from Gaza. Also a winner of the 2025 Golden Dove for Peace, he works for a Palestinian media company that provides content – videos, photos, reports – to international broadcasters. For many months, he has reported from within the besieged territory, documenting bombings, humanitarian crises, blackouts, price hikes, and the eventual disappearance of basic necessities. His work gives voice to those enduring life under siege, presenting an unfiltered view of the conflict.

“With forty editions behind us”, said Archivio Disarmo President Fabrizio Battistelli, “the Golden Doves for Peace have never been awards ‘against’ anyone but always ‘for’ something: anything that can contribute to a peaceful resolution of conflicts. This is always true, but the ongoing violence in Gaza is exceeding all precedents. The war must end now. People must be allowed to live again”.

The Golden Doves for Peace – Archivio Disarmo Award is organized with the support of **Legacoop**.

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