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We all hope that the weekend's worrying [news](#) about BBC Gaza Correspondent Alan Johnstone is untrue. It's amazing that in such a tiny, Intelligence-soaked territory such as Gaza that this hostage-taking could happen without anyone being able to find the journalist or his captors. But as a guest-blogger reported [here](#) on this blog, kidnapping

is a regular occurrence in the Palestinian territories. It's a sign of how normal political life has been destroyed. And it's another reminder of what we've [reported](#) on a lot at POLIS, of how journalists are now very much seen as useful ammunition in the asymmetric warfare of the Middle East.

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