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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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**Senator the Hon Penny Wong**

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Cleared by FAS MAD Innes-Brown , ISG | MAD |

Date cleared: 2 April 2024

Prepared by: Israel-Gaza Taskforce

IGTF - Israel-Gaza Taskforce

Consultation: CCD, HPD, LGD

## Background

Lalzawmi 'Zomi' Frankcom, an Australian aid worker working for World Central Kitchen in Gaza, was killed in an Israeli strike while she was travelling in an aid convoy. Graphic images of Ms Frankcom's Australian passport, reportedly found after the incident, were posted to social media. DFAT is providing consular assistance to her family in Australia.


It has been reported that Ms Frankcom's colleagues were also killed, including British, Polish, Palestinian, and Canadian/American citizens. The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) said it is 'conducting a thorough review at the highest levels to understand the circumstances of this tragic incident.'

International humanitarian law prohibits the parties to an armed conflict from intentionally directing attacks against humanitarian personnel, materials or vehicles involved in a humanitarian assistance mission – and doing so may amount to a war crime (Article 8, Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court). The Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court has an active investigation into the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, including the current conflict in Gaza. The ICC may exercise jurisdiction over alleged crimes where the relevant State is unable or unwilling to conduct a genuine investigation or prosecution.

The ICJ order of 28 March 2024, indicated the following provisional measures: "The State of Israel shall, in conformity with its obligations under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and in view of the worsening conditions of life faced by Palestinians in Gaza, in particular, the spread of famine and starvation."

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## Attachment A – Biography

<b>Israel KATZ</b> Minister of Foreign Affairs <b>ISRAEL</b>		
	Form of Address: Minister	
	s 47F(1) s 47F(1)	
	Education:	BA in Political Science and International Relations, Hebrew University in Jerusalem
	Twitter handle:	@Israel_katz
<b>Career:</b>		
2024	Minister of Foreign Affairs	
2022-2023	Minister of National Infrastructure, Energy and Water	
2020-2021	Minister of Finance	
2019-2020	Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs (Caretaker Government)	
2015-2019	Minister of Intelligence	
2009-2019	Minister of Transportation	
2003-2006	Minister of Agriculture	

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You (Foreign Minister Wong) met Katz during your visit to Israel in January 2024.

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**Senator the Hon Penny Wong****Meeting with Christian Church leaders****9.30am, Thursday, 4 April 2024, Adelaide via Microsoft Teams****Purpose:**

- Emphasise Australia's grave concern at the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza and outline actions taken by Australia to support international relief efforts.
- Reaffirm Australia's support for an immediate ceasefire and the release of hostages.

**Key points**

- Australia is gravely concerned by the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza
  - the imminent famine involving over one million people is shocking and unacceptable
  - reports of starvation, including amongst children, are appalling and cannot continue.

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- We have consistently urged all parties to the conflict to respect international humanitarian law and protect civilians, called for the immediate and unconditional release of hostages, and called for safe, unimpeded, and sustained humanitarian access
  - we welcome passage of the UNSC resolution on 25 March demanding an immediate ceasefire during Ramadan and an end to barriers to the delivery of aid.
- We continue to use our voice, including with the United States, to advocate for a pathway out of this conflict and towards a lasting peace.
- Australia has announced a total of \$52.5 million in humanitarian assistance in response to the Gaza crisis and to meet needs in the broader region since 7 October.
- The devastating crisis underscores the need for a political solution
  - the Australian Government's guiding principle has always been the pursuit of a just and enduring peace in the form of a two-state solution
  - where Israelis and Palestinians can live side-by-side in peace and security within internationally recognised borders.

Cleared by Dave Vosen, a/g FAS HPD

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April 2024Prepared by: s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
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Consultation: MAD

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## Background

### *Christian Church leader's open letter*

In an open letter petitioning for a ceasefire in Gaza, Christian Church leaders expressed four urgent demands of the Australian Government:

1. to urgently advocate for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza, including the cessation of hostilities on the part of the Israeli Defence Forces, Hamas, and all other militant groups that have been involved in the conflict, the return of all hostages and political prisoners currently held by Hamas and the Israeli government, and immediate and secure access to humanitarian aid and relief;
2. appeal to the governments of Australia's allies, including the United States, to adopt a similar stance and to cease providing military assistance of any kind to parties actively engaged in the conflict;
3. contribute generously to cooperative international efforts to provide humanitarian aid to civilian victims of the conflict and prepare for the rebuilding of Gaza after the cessation of hostilities;
4. advocate for a durable and just settlement in Israel and Palestine, that will allow for the peaceful coexistence of the Palestinian and Israeli people, within secure and internationally recognised borders, and will include a just regime of repatriation or reparations for all those who have been forced from their homes by this conflict and those which preceded it.

### *Australia's funding*

Australia has committed \$52.5 million in humanitarian assistance to the Middle East since 7 October 2023. This includes \$41 million in response to the humanitarian needs resulting from the Hamas-Israel conflict and \$11.5 million to refugee programs in Lebanon and Jordan to address the ongoing regional refugee crisis.

## Biographies



**Reverend Sharon HOLLIS**








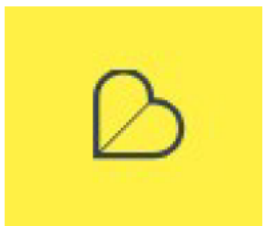
**President of the Assembly, Uniting Church in  
Australia  
AUSTRALIA**

**Form of Address:** Reverend

**English Ability:** Fluent

**Year of Birth:** Unknown



	<p><b>Most Reverend Geoffrey <u>SMITH</u></b>  <b>Primate, Anglican Church of Australia</b>  <b>AUSTRALIA</b></p> <p><b>Form of Address:</b> Reverend  <b>English Ability:</b> Fluent  <b>Year of Birth:</b> Unknown</p>	
	<p><b>Reverend Tim <u>COSTELLO</u></b>  <b>Executive Director, Micah Australia</b>  <b>AUSTRALIA</b></p> <p><b>Form of Address:</b> Reverend  <b>English Ability:</b> Fluent  <b>Year of Birth:</b> 1955</p>	
	<p><b>Father Daniel <u>GHABRIAL</u></b>  <b>Vicar General, Coptic Orthodox Church Diocese of Melbourne and Affiliated Region</b>  <b>AUSTRALIA</b></p> <p><b>Form of Address:</b> Father  <b>English Ability:</b> Fluent  <b>Year of Birth:</b> Unknown</p>	
	<p><b>Melissa <u>LIPSETT</u></b>  <b>CEO, Baptist World Aid Australia</b>  <b>AUSTRALIA</b></p> <p><b>Form of Address:</b> Ms  <b>English Ability:</b> Fluent  <b>Year of Birth:</b> Unknown</p>	



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**Senator the Hon Penny Wong****Meeting with UN Senior Humanitarian and Reconstruction Coordinator for Gaza, Sigrid Kaag  
6.00PM, Thursday, 4 April 2024, by telephone.****Purpose:**

- Convey Australia's grave concerns about the dire humanitarian crisis in Gaza.
- Request update on implementation of the Mechanism.

**Key points**

- We speak at a time where the need for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire is never more urgent.
- I was appalled by Israel's strike on the World Central Kitchen convoy which killed seven humanitarian workers, including an Australian citizen
  - the deaths of these workers was outrageous and unacceptable
  - I have been clear from the start that Israel should observe international humanitarian law
  - that means the protection of civilians and the protection of aid workers and the provision of aid into Gaza.
- Recognise the fraught political landscape you [Kaag] are working within
  - the World Central Kitchen example only reinforces the need for your work, through controlled and secure passages
  - how will the most recent tragic events impact the flow of aid into Gaza?

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- Pleased Australia will provide \$2 million towards the Mechanism
  - welcome an update on your progress establishing the Mechanism

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## Background

### *UN Humanitarian and Reconstruction Mechanism (UNHRM)*

Sigrid Kaag began as Senior Humanitarian and Reconstruction Coordinator for Gaza on 8 January 2024. Her mandate is to facilitate, coordinate, monitor and verify humanitarian relief consignments, and to establish a UN mechanism to accelerate those consignments, with the support of UNOPS.

UNHRM remains under design and a finalised concept note was provided to Australia on 15 March.

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To date, the UAE (USD 5 million), Netherlands (USD 5 million) and New Zealand (NZD 2 million) have committed funding to the Mechanism, while Canada and Germany are considering support. You [Minister Wong] announced AUD 2 million to the UN Mechanism on 15 March. DFAT will commence negotiation with UNOPS in April 2024.

### *US-led port initiative*

On 8 March, US President Biden announced an emergency mission by the US military to establish a floating port in Gaza. A temporary pier will be built by US military engineers operating from ships off the coast without stepping ashore. Construction is delayed and is now expected in May. The US intends for the UN and other humanitarian partners to devise a mechanism for distributing the aid once it arrives in Gaza by sea, and this will include the mechanism.



World Central Kitchen (WCK) and the American Near East Refugee Aid (Anera) have suspended their maritime operations in Gaza following the 2 April strike. According to media reports, WCK had just offloaded 100 tons of food aid from a barge which sailed from Cyprus, but another vessel with 240 tons of aid returned to Cyprus without being offloaded.

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### *Australia's funding*

Australia has committed \$52.5 million in humanitarian assistance to the Middle East since 7 October 2023. This includes \$41 million in response to the humanitarian needs resulting from the Hamas-Israel conflict and \$11.5 million to refugee programs in Lebanon and Jordan to address the ongoing regional refugee crisis.

## Biography

<b>Ms Sigrid Kaag</b> Senior Humanitarian & Reconstruction Coordinator for Gaza UN Office for Project Services		
	<b>Form of</b> s 47F(1) s 47F(1) s 47F(1)	Ms s 47F(1) s 47F(
	<b>Education:</b>  <b>Twitter handle:</b>	Master of Art in Middle East Studies, University of Exeter Master of Philosophy in International Relations, Oxford University Bachelor of Arts in Middle East Studies, The American University in Cairo @SigridKaag
<b>Career:</b>		
2024-	Senior Humanitarian and Reconstruction Coordinator for Gaza	
2022-2024	First Deputy Prime Minister of the Netherlands; Minister of Finance	
2021-2022	Member of the House of Representatives	
2017-2021	Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation (Minister for Foreign Affairs February-March 2018 and May-September 2021)	
2015-2017	UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon	
2013-2014	UN Special Coordinator for Syria; Joint Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons	
2010-2013	Assistant Secretary-General, United Nations Development Programme	
2007-2010	Regional Director, Middle East and North Africa, UNICEF	
1994-2007	Various UN roles including Chief of Donor Relations, IOM; Senior Programme Manager, UNRWA; and Senior Advisor, Office of DSRSG, Sudan	
<b>Comment:</b> Ms Kaag was appointed by UN Secretary-General António Guterres on 26 December to facilitate, coordinate, monitor and verify humanitarian relief consignments to Gaza – and began her assignment on 8 January.		
<b>Contact:</b> s 33(a)(iii), s 47E(d)		

**Christian Church leaders**

*Reverend Sharon HOLLIS*

*Most Reverend Geoffrey SMITH*

*Reverend Tim COSTELLO*

*Father Daniel GHABRIAL*

*Ms Melissa LIPSETT*

- Australia is gravely concerned by the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza.
- We are outraged at the death of Ms Zomi Frankcom and have demanded full accountability from Israel.
- We have consistently urged all parties to the conflict to respect international humanitarian law and protect civilians, called for the immediate and unconditional release of hostages, and for safe, unimpeded, and sustained humanitarian access.
- Australia has announced a total of \$52.5 million in humanitarian assistance since 7 October.

**MS SIGRID KAAG, SENIOR  
HUMANITARIAN AND  
RECONSTRUCTION  
COORDINATOR FOR GAZA**

**Address** *Ms Kaag*

**Sensitivities:** Nil

- Outraged by Israel's strike on the World Central Kitchen convoy which killed aid worker Zomi Frankcom.
- Deeply troubled by the imminent famine, and the ongoing restrictions on access for UNRWA.
- Pleased Australia will provide \$2 million towards the Mechanism for Gaza.
- Keen to get an update on progress against implementation of the Mechanism.

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**Meeting with s 47F(1)**

**Lalzawmi (Zomi) Frankcom**

**TBA , Thursday, 4 April 2024, by telephone**  
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**Background**

FRANKCOM, Lalzawmi (Zomi)

Zomi Frankcom , s 47F(1)

Ms Frankcom, an Australian aid worker working for World Central Kitchen (WCK) in Gaza, was killed in an Israeli strike while she was travelling in an aid convoy. Graphic images of Ms Frankcom with her Australian passport, reportedly found after the incident, were posted to social media. DFAT is providing consular assistance to her family in Australia.

It is confirmed that six of Ms Frankcom's colleagues were also killed, including British (3), Polish (1), Palestinian (1), and Canadian/American citizen (1). The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) said it is 'conducting a thorough review at the highest levels to understand the circumstances of this tragic incident.'

International humanitarian law prohibits the parties to an armed conflict from intentionally directing attacks against humanitarian personnel, materials or vehicles involved in a humanitarian assistance mission – and doing so may amount to a war crime (Article 8, Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court). The Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court has an active investigation into the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, including the current conflict in Gaza. The ICC may exercise jurisdiction over alleged crimes where the relevant State is unable or unwilling to conduct a genuine investigation or prosecution.

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**From:** s 47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 3 April 2024 4:15 PM  
**To:** s 47E(d)  
**Subject:** DFAT Talking Points - Death of Australian Zomi Frankcom - v1 [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

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**Australian Government****Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**

## **MEDIA TALKING POINTS DISTRIBUTION: CRISIS**

**Topic:** CRISIS MANAGEMENT  
**Subject:** Death of Australian Zomi Frankcom

**Originating Division:** MAD**Version Date:** 3/4/2024**Version:** 1**Reason for Update:** New talking points**Expiry:** 3/07/2024

### **Talking Points**

#### **Death of Australian Zomi Frankcom**

- Deeply saddened by the tragic death of Zomi Frankcom and six others in Gaza, while carrying out urgent and vital support to the people of Gaza.
  - honour the life of Zomi Frankcom, who was dedicated to the service of others
  - Australia mourns with her family and those who loved her
  - she was an Australian we can all be proud of.
- Ms Frankcom's death was outrageous, unacceptable and should not have occurred
  - wartime does not obviate responsibility for observing international humanitarian law
  - aid workers going into a conflict zone to deliver humanitarian aid should not meet their deaths in the way we have seen
  - this conflict has been particularly deadly for aid workers.
- We want a full, thorough, fast and transparent investigation
  - and have demanded full accountability from Israeli authorities.
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#### **Has Australia conveyed its concerns directly to the Israeli Government?**

- Prime Minister Albanese and Foreign Minister Wong spoke to their Israeli counterparts on 3 April and 2 April respectively
  - they demanded a thorough investigation and full accountability.

- Minister Wong reiterated to her counterpart that Israel needed to ensure it complied with international humanitarian law, including both the provision of aid and the protection of aid workers
  - Israeli Foreign Minister Katz conveyed his sympathies and condolences on behalf of his government.
- Prime Minister Albanese conveyed to Prime Minister Netanyahu in very clear terms that Australians were outraged by the death of this fine Australian.
- Senior Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade officials have also made representations in both Canberra and Tel Aviv.

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- The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is providing consular assistance to Ms Frankcom's family and they have requested privacy at this time.

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- The Prime Minister has spoken with Ms Frankcom's brother.

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- The Australian government is providing consular assistance to the family of Ms Frankcom.
- Due to our privacy considerations, and at the request of the family for privacy, we will not be provide further information.

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- The Australian Government has assisted 224 Australian citizens, permanent residents and their families to depart Gaza and is doing all it can to support Australians and their immediate family members who remain in Gaza.
- It continues to be very difficult for people to depart Gaza and the Australian Government must work within the capacity of the system established for foreign nationals seeking to leave.

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- Israel has said this tragic incident will be fully investigated

- we urge Israel to conduct this investigation rigorously and expeditiously
- there needs to be full accountability for those responsible.

**Any use or disclosure of personal information about individuals and the incidents contained in this background should not be made public. To do so may constitute a breach of the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth).**

## Background

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## Handling Notes

## Media Interest

Approval	
Consultation	CCD
Author	s 22(1)(a)(ii)
Cleared by	AS MEB

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**From:** Global Watch Office <s 47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 2, 2024 9:39 AM  
**To:** s 47E(d) @dfat.gov.au; Ralph King  
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<Gemma.Huggins@dfat.gov.au>; Marc Innes-Brown <marc.innes@dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
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Emergency Centre <Centre.Conops@dfat.gov.au>; s 47E(d)  
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**Subject:** REISSUE: ADVICE : Gaza : International aid workers killed [SEC=OFFICIAL]

## OFFICIAL

On Tuesday 2 April 2024, local media reported five aid workers with World Central Kitchen were killed in an airstrike on a vehicle in Deir al-Balah, Gaza.

Four of the dead are believed to be foreign nationals from Australia, Poland, Ireland and the UK.

Media is attributing the strike to Israel. The IDF has not yet commented on the incident.

### Media

- [Times of Israel](#): Palestinians: 5 aid workers with World Central Kitchen killed in Israeli strike in Gaza
- [Atlas News](#): Foreign Aid Workers Killed During Apparent Israeli Airstrike in Gaza



Source: [Google Maps](#)

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Crisis Preparedness and Management Branch | Consular and Crisis Management Division  
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The Global Watch Office issues Advice emails to provide situational awareness about international incidents/events to a select group of internal stakeholders.

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 2, 2024 10:36 AM  
**To:** Media <media@dfat.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Madeleine Casey <Madeleine.Casey@dfat.gov.au>; Craig Maclachlan <Craig.Maclachlan@dfat.gov.au>; Paula Ganly <Paula.Ganly@dfat.gov.au>; s 47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>; s 47E(d) dfat.gov.au>; Global Watch Office s 47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>; Consular Operations & Emergency Centre <Centre.Conops@dfat.gov.au>; Marc Innes-Brown <marc.innes@dfat.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Death of Australian Aid Worker in Gaza [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

**OFFICIAL: Sensitive**

Hi s 22(1)(a)(ii)

FMO Background only updated below after contact with NOK.

**FMO background (not for public release):**

FRANKCOM, Lalzawmi  
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Social media is reporting the death of Australian citizen, Ms Lalzawmi Frankcom, in Gaza. The reports indicate Ms Frankcom was working for the World Central Kitchen, an aid organisation. We are urgently seeking to confirm the death through Washington and Nicosia Posts (where we understand the World Central Kitchen has offices). s47E(d)

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Kind Regards

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Director | Consular Operations Team B (Europe & Middle East)  
Consular Operations Branch | Consular & Crisis Management Division  
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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au  
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**To:** Media <media@dfat.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Madeleine Casey <Madeleine.Casey@dfat.gov.au>; Craig Maclachlan <Craig.Maclachlan@dfat.gov.au>; Paula Ganly <Paula.Ganly@dfat.gov.au>; s 47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>; s 47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>; Global Watch Office s47E(d) @dfat.gov.au>; Consular Operations & Emergency Centre <Centre.Conops@dfat.gov.au>; Marc Innes-Brown <marc.innes@dfat.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Death of Australian Aid Worker in Gaza [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

**OFFICIAL: Sensitive**

Cleared by SES – Madeleine Casey, AS CNB

**Attributable to a Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade spokesperson:**

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is urgently seeking to confirm reports that an Australian aid worker has died in Gaza.

These reports are very distressing.

We have been clear on the need for civilian lives to be protected in this conflict.

We have been very clear that we expect humanitarian workers in Gaza to have safe and unimpeded access to do their lifesaving work.

Owing to our privacy obligations we cannot provide further comment.

**On background (for use in reporting, not for attribution)**

Consular assistance may include support and guidance to families and liaison with local and Australian authorities to assist with funeral arrangements or repatriation of remains. Australian Embassies have no authority to intervene in local judicial matters, conduct local investigations, or pay for funeral or repatriation costs. [Smartraveller](#) provides information on what happens when an Australian dies overseas.

**FMO background (not for public release):**

FRANKCOM, Lalzawmi  
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s 47F(1)

Social media is reporting the death of Australian citizen, Ms Lalzawmi Frankcom, in Gaza. The reports indicate Ms Frankcom was working for the World Central Kitchen, an aid organisation. We are urgently seeking to confirm the death through Washington and Nicosia Posts (where the World Central Kitchen has offices). s 47E(d)

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**From:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>  
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**Cc:** Marc Innes-Brown <marc.innes@dfat.gov.au>; Gemma Huggins  
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**Subject:** Call brief [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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FMO colleagues

Please see the meeting brief for tonight's call attached – cleared by FAS MAD.

Best regards

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Acting Director – Political  
Israel-Gaza Taskforce  
Middle East Branch | Middle East and Africa Division  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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**Legal Privilege**  
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**From:** Madeleine Casey <Madeleine.Casey@dfat.gov.au>  
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**Cc:** s 22(1)(a)(ii) @dfat.gov.au>; s 22(1)(a)(ii)  
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Charlotte.McKenna@dfat.gov.au>; Marc Innes-Brown <marc.innes@dfat.gov.au>; s  
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Maclachlan <Craig.Maclachlan@dfat.gov.au>; Paula Ganly <Paula.Ganly@dfat.gov.au>;  
s 22(1)(a)(ii) dfat.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: If raised TPs: Death of Lalzawmi 'Zomi' Frankcom  
[SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive, ACCESS=Legal-Privilege]

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Legal Privilege

**OFFICIAL: Sensitive**  
**Legal privilege**

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Please see consular TP's for any media tomorrow morning.

- I am deeply saddened by the death of aid workers in Gaza, including Australian Citizen, Zomi Frankcom.
- I convey my sincere condolences to her family, friends and colleagues.
- The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is providing consular assistance to Ms Frankcom's family and they have requested privacy at this time.
- Any deaths of aid workers is unacceptable. They must have safe and unimpeded access to do their lifesaving work.

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The Prime Minister has spoken with Zomi's brother, and of course, the family is devastated by this tragic news [7:30 report, PM confirmed publicly]

I have also sought a call with the family to convey my deepest condolences.

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The Australian government is providing consular assistance to the family of Zomi.

Due to our privacy considerations, and at the request of the family for privacy we will not be provide further information.

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**If asked: What assistance is being provided to those who remain in Gaza?**

The Australian government has assisted 224 Australian citizens, permanent residents and their families to depart Gaza and is doing all it can to support Australians and their immediate family members who remain in Gaza.

It continues to be very difficult for people to depart Gaza and the Australian Government must work within the capacity of the system established for foreign nationals seeking to leave.

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**Madeleine Casey**

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Assistant Secretary

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