

TV REPORTS / CURRENT AFFAIRS IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

Highlight Films produces and provides news production services for various production companies and broadcasters. If you are looking to producer a news report or current affairs piece on Israel, The Palestinian Territories of other locations and events around the Middle East, Highlight can help you make your production a success due to our access, knowledge, equipment, professional crews and years of experience.

These are some of the stories we have covered recently:

- Interview with Israel's Prime minister Ehud Olmert (Bloomberg)
- Interview with King Abdullah of Jordan (Newsweek.com)
- Interview with Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair (Time.com)
- Interview with Israel's President Shimon Peres (BBC, Newsweek.com).
- Gaza: military activity, Kassam rockets attacks on Sderot and Ashkelon (BBC).
- The Israeli economy: What is happening to the Israeli Shekel? (Bloomberg)
- After Israel's war with Lebanon: reports about military activity, preparations for the next round (BBC)
- 1948-2008: Sixty Years of Independence. (BBC)
- Jerusalem: current affairs, history, archeology (BBC, ITN, Bloomberg)
- West Bank: religion, history and poitics (ITN, BBC)

We work on various stories at any given time and can direct our resources to deal with any new story you are interested in. Our access to local stories and the ability to follow them quickly and professionally have both been the outcome of ten years in this business in one of the most volatile areas of the world...

This is what we can do to make your shoot as best as it can be:

Research & Ideas

Our researchers can get all the necessary information about a story dealing with current affairs, recent history or the archeological excavations in Jericho.

Since we are also developing, researching and producing our own films, our staff is used to retrieving the required information within pressing deadlines. While the internet is an accessible source when planning a production, there is no replacement for a local researcher who can visit places, ask the right questions and send the accurate information before any unnecessary money is spent.

Production Coordination

The coordinator, or **fixer**, is our front person in the production and has the abilities to handle all location-related issues. All of our coordinators are actually production managers who are very experienced in either historical, religious or current affairs productions. Highlight Films employs both Israel and Palestinian coordinators. If filming takes place in both Israeli and Palestinian territories, we will provide you with a seamless solution to both areas, in light of the current political and military circumstances..

Production

For the production of your TV report, we will team you up with an experienced production team and a **cameraman** who can tell a story, even a complicated one... We use both our own camera sets or hired sets from Israel or UK's rental houses. We film in every professional standard and in both PAL and NTSC formats.

Formats: Hi-Def, HDV, Digital Beta, BetaSP, DVCAM. (For more information about our filming crews **[click here](#)**).

We have a full range of lighting equipment and accessories, ranging from a small documentary lighting pack to full line of exterior / interior lights and generators when needed. Our soundmen are equipped with full professional audio gear, including radio microphones

licensed in Israel and tuned to the correct local frequencies (European and American radio microphones are often interrupted by military and civilian radio networks in Israel). All formats of recording media are available – from MiniDV tapes to 35mm film. When necessary we will dub the footage for safety and FedEx you the dubs upon your arrival back home.

Hotels

We work with two of the leading hotel chains in Israel, which grant us special rates often significantly lower than the published rates. In addition to specially discounted rates, we will accommodate any specific request such as late check out, additional room for interviews, etc'.

Permits

Many sites require a pre-arranged filming permit and demand certain restrictions. In many cases, we have a long relationship with the institutions granting permits and we are often granted greater access. We were able to film a TV commercial spot and an episode in an American-Italian feature film in two of the most sacred places in Jerusalem. In both places, it was the first time ever to allow something of this kind...

Editing Facilities

We have two non-linear editing rooms (Avid / Final Cut Pro) in Tel Aviv, and an additional editing suite (Avid) in Ramalla. If necessary, we can provide you with portable editing facilities anywhere in Israel and the West Bank.

Uplink and transmission

Satellite uplink is available from any point in Israel and the West Bank . Many producers are also interested in the option of uploading low-resolution excerpts of their footage to an FTP site. We can provide this service overnight from the Tel Aviv office.

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