

TAREQ HADDAD.

WRITER AND JOURNALIST.

- Experience:**
- The Watchdog.**, (London, U.K.) Jan 2020 – Present
Founder and editor-in-chief
Writer and investigative journalist
- Launched an independent media initiative that aims to revolutionise transparency and accountability within the journalism industry.
 - Led a team of 15 people that provided news reports, video broadcasts and live studio podcasts for a one-week trial period (February 24 – 28, 2020) during the first of Julian Assange's U.S. extradition hearings from H.M.P. Belmarsh.
 - On-going court reporting from the Assange extradition proceedings across London.
- Newsweek**, (London, U.K.) Sep 2019 – Dec 2019
Reporter
- Uncovered corruption within my own organisation whereby editors with links to state- and corporate-funded think tanks censored deeply important public-interest stories. In my case, it was the doctoring of chemical weapons reports from Syria.
 - Broke numerous world-wide exclusives in areas of international politics and foreign affairs.
 - Consistently produced clear and error-free copy in fast-changing situations such as terror attacks and natural disasters while keeping to the time demands of 24/7 news.
 - Ensured articles were properly packaged for the web by writing enticing headlines, selecting appropriate photographs and captions in addition to adopting best SEO practices.
- (Between July 2017 and September 2019, I completed a CELTA teacher-training qualification and taught English as a foreign language to private pupils in Italy and Spain. I also worked on a novel.)
- Airwars**, (London, U.K.) Apr 2017 – Jul 2017
Reporter
- Responsible for compiling comprehensive daily briefs that pioneered early techniques that are now referred to as OSINT. Similar methods are now utilised by organisations such as Bellingcat, Forensic Architecture and The New York Times.
 - Prepared reports that detailed civilian casualties in Iraq and Syria as a result of the air campaigns waged by the International Coalition and Russia against Islamic State and other belligerents in the region. These reports were frequently cited by a number of global English-language publications, ranging from The Daily Beast to The Washington Post.
 - Assisted in investigative reporting projects highlighting breaches of International Humanitarian Law.
- The International Business Times U.K.**, (London, U.K.) Sep 2016 – Jul 2017
Breaking News Reporter
- Amassed close to 1,000 by-lines ([available here](#)) covering the most critical developments in international politics and affairs including the events surrounding the election of US President Donald Trump, the British General Election, Brexit, the war in Syria, the international migrant crisis and many others, producing many exclusive stories along the way.
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- Hull Daily Mail**, (Hull, U.K.) Aug 2015 – Dec 2016
Trainee News Reporter
- Produced numerous exclusives and over twenty front-page leads in areas such as politics, crime, human interest and others by taking initiative, growing a high-class book of contacts and putting sharp news instincts to use.
 - Entrusted to edit all incoming copy and manage the entirety of the Hull Daily Mail website and social media channels during the night of the Brexit referendum, while also publishing my own stories on relevant developments from the vote.
 - Successfully took on the newspaper's business reporter role for four months on top of my existing responsibilities during a colleague's maternity leave.
- (Between January and August of 2015, I completed various work experience placements at national and local news organisations including **ITV News**, **The Newcastle Chronicle**, **The Sunday Sun** and **The Journal**. Additionally, between January and May of 2015, I completed my journalism training in an intensive 17-week course at the **Press Association**.

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Professional Qualifications: **National Council for the Training of Journalists** (Newcastle, U.K.)
- Level 3 Diploma in Journalism, Gold Standard. Jun 2015
- 100 words per minute shorthand transcription. May 2015

Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (Jersey, C.I.)
- Level 4 Award in International Finance and Administration. Jul 2014

Education: **Binghamton University; State University of New York** (U.S.A.) Aug 2008 - May 2012
BSc in Management; concentrations in Finance and Management Information Systems.

Other Experience: **Elian and Ogier Fiduciary Services,** (Jersey, C.I.)
Administrator Feb 2014 - Jan 2015
Trainee Administrator Feb 2013 - Feb 2014
- Responsible for facilitating financial and legal transactions in addition to fulfilling regulatory and tax obligations alongside other administrative duties for a wide range of high-net-worth corporate clients, including entities listed on Nasdaq and the London Stock Exchange.

Relevant Skills and Qualities:

- Extremely professional, hard-working and reliable at all times.
- Always keen to learn, improve and excel with the desire to take my colleagues and organisation with me in the same direction.
- Ability to write clear, compelling and error-free copy under the pressure of tight deadlines.
- Excellent grammatical knowledge with sharp attention to detail.
- Experience in editing the work of others.
- The ability to remain organised and efficient under a heavy work-load.
- Excellent communicator and team player with experience in dealing with a vast number of people ranging from refugees of war-torn countries to CEOs and directors of multinational firms. Numerous leadership roles held.
- Above-average computer proficiency. Experience with numerous Content Management Systems.
- Experience in working with and designing databases.
- Fluent spoken Arabic. Conversational Spanish and Russian.

Interests:

- Literature; particularly Russian and Western fiction. Deep affection for philosophy, mythology, spirituality and history.
- Global politics and affairs.
- Issues relating to freedom of expression and censorship.
- Art, art history and painting.
- Cryptocurrencies. Ethereum.
- Music, cinema and other forms of artistic expression.
- Socialising and keeping fit through a variety of sports.

Referees: **Piers Robinson**
[Co-director:] Organisation for Propaganda Studies.
[Convenor:] Working Group on Syria, Propaganda and the Media.
[Relationship:] Peer, Advisor.

Paul Milbank
[Co-founder:] Jersey Good Business Charter
[Founding director:] ValueMetrix
[Relationship:] Peer, Advisor.

Hilary Masterton
[Director:] Kilkenny Escuela De Ingles
[Relationship:] Contractual

Laura Shearer
[Director:] InsidEnglish Scuola d'inglese
[Relationship:] Contractual

Jenna Thompson
[News Editor:] Hull Daily Mail
[Relationship:] Contractual

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