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THERE IS MORE THAN ONE TRUTH

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VJM NEWSLETTER This Issue:

- New Video Series for LSE
- Cartoonists pay tribute to Ali Ferzat
- On The Blog - Harvey Stein

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Dear all,

Hope you're doing well. Here at VJ Movement a lot has happened in the past few weeks and we're excited to be sharing our news with you. As you've probably seen on the [site](#), there are some great new stories up, made especially for our collaboration with the London School of Economics. More on that later.

We've also welcomed on board **a number of new VJs**, some of whom have already published their [profiles](#), so go and check those out, too. Read on to find out what one of our Israel-based correspondents has been up to recently and how cartoonists reacted to the brutal attack on their Syrian colleague Ali Ferzat.

NEW SERIES FOR LSE

We've launched several new video journalism series as part of our **collaboration effort with the London School of Economics and Political Science**. The series all focus on conflict-affected regions and look at different topics within those regions such as gender, security, information and conflict resolution.



A number of new videos were commissioned for these projects, including a video report [from Bolivia](#) about the black market of smuggled goods as the core of the country's vast informal economy. Another video by Olga Behar in Colombia focuses on the [Indigenous Guard](#), an unarmed militia that has played a vital role in keeping local indigenous communities out of harm's way during the country's civil conflict.

CARTOONISTS STAND UP FOR ALI FERZAT

Last month Syrian cartoonist Ali Ferzat was [attacked by thugs](#) loyal to the regime of president Assad. As a result, he **ended up in hospital with his fingers broken**. Ferzat, who is well known throughout the Middle East for his fierce criticism of power abuse and corruption, had been left bleeding at the side of the road.

Naturally, at VJ Movement the news came as a shock. We take our commitment to press freedom seriously and through the work of the VJ Movement Foundation, try to make a difference.



When we heard about what happened to Ferzat, Cartoon Movement soon mobilized cartoonists to **voice their outrage**. One of those was fellow Middle-Eastern cartoonist [Sherif Arafa](#) who drew this cartoon to show his support for Ferzat.

ON THE BLOG

VJ Harvey Stein recently completed a [three-part video story](#) on an **unlikely friendship** between an Israeli settler and the mayor of Palestinian village, which you've probably already seen on the site.

On the [VJ Movement Blog](#), Harvey explains about the background of the story, how it came about and what kind of impact the experience of filming this uplifting story had on him as an Israeli.

Until next month, on behalf of the VJ Movement,

Arend Jan van den Beld & Thomas Loudon



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