

Scripps News' Emmy-winning series "In Real Life" returns for 6th season with Israel-Hamas conflict premiere

The show added more than a dozen former VICE News journalists, both in front of and behind the camera, to join its award-winning documentary team

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ATLANTA – Scripps News' Emmy-winning documentary series "In Real Life" announced a new slate of documentaries for the show's sixth season, premiering on Sunday, April 28.

The season features award-winning correspondents including Sebastian Walker, David Scott, Gianna Toboni, Gelareh Darabi and Alyssa Roenigk joining returning correspondents including Cody LaGrow, Sam Eaton and Natasha Del Toro. New episodes air on Sundays at 8 p.m. Eastern on Scripps News platforms and across more than 30 Scripps-owned local stations.

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"This is our strongest season yet," said Christina Hartman, vice president and head of Scripps News. "From conflict and climate change to technology, A.I. and pop culture, Season 6 of 'In Real Life' represents some of the best reporting, cinematography and storytelling in video news."

The hourlong premiere features the work of Peabody and Emmy award-winning correspondent Sebastian Walker (VICE News, Al Jazeera) and uses on-the-ground reporting and satellite imagery analysis of the West Bank, Israel, to show how a war in response to terror is turning into a renewed conflict over settlements.

Spending time with Israeli settler movements, a Palestinian fighter group and a wide range of voices representative of real life in the region, the "In Real Life" team sheds light on the shifting frontlines of the conflict in the one-hour episode, culminating in a revealing interview with a high-ranking official in Israel's government. Faced with limited international media access into Gaza, the documentary features satellite imagery analysis from Scripps News and its partners at [Bellingcat](#), the investigative journalism group that specializes in open-source reporting. It also features reporting from within Gaza, with scenes captured by a local filmmaker caught in the middle of an unfolding humanitarian crisis. For this episode, Walker worked with former VICE News colleagues including Adam Desiderio (producer), Lama Al-Arian (producer), Jeb Banegas (editor) and Javier Manzano (director of photography), along with the "In Real Life" team behind its past award-winning seasons, including Zach Toombs (executive producer), Hailey Gavin (editor), Jake Godin (producer) and Jennifer Smart (animator).

[Watch a teaser clip for season six of "In Real Life"](#)

"We've taken the immersive storytelling of our 'In Real Life' series up a notch this season by adding many excellent journalists from VICE News and across the industry," said Toombs, executive producer of "In Real Life" and director of longform at Scripps News. "Each episode digs into critical issues facing the world, at home and abroad, where traditional media may not be able to do these deeper dives."

Coming up during the spring season of "In Real Life", airing Sundays at 8 p.m. Eastern:

- **May 5:** GLAAD Award-winner Cody LaGrow (Scripps News) shows the impact of cyber bullying on LGBTQ youth.



- **May 12:** Emmy Award-winner Natasha Del Toro (Al Jazeera, Scripps News) reveals the growing economic divide in Puerto Rico as a new class of cryptocurrency tycoons move in.
- **May 19:** On the front lines, Ukrainians wage drone warfare against Russia's invasion. Scripps News' international correspondent Jason Bellini reports.
- **May 26:** As AI and deepfakes stand poised to upend Hollywood, video game actors are on the front lines of a new struggle between technology and art. Scripps News' pop culture correspondent Casey Mendoza reports.
- **June 2:** Correspondent Alyssa Roenigk (ESPN) shows the rise of women in Formula racing and across the motorsports world.
- **June 9:** Emmy Award-winner Gianna Toboni (VICE News) examines the impacts of drug decriminalization from Portugal to Portland, Oregon.
- SEJ Award-winner Sam Eaton (Scripps News) charts changes for wildlife as more border walls are built worldwide. *Air date to be announced later this season.*
- Emmy Award-winner David Scott (HBO, ABC News) digs into the growing research around traumatic brain injuries for U.S. soldiers operating explosive weapons. *Air date to be announced later this season.*
- Correspondent Gelareh Darabi (National Geographic, VICE News) dives into the big business of astrology, from India to Los Angeles. *Air date to be announced later this season.*

Previous seasons of the "In Real Life" series have been honored with a [Gracie Award from the Alliance for Women in Media](#) as well as [an award for outstanding TV journalism](#) from the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD). In addition to the [news and documentary Emmy win](#), the show also received a second Emmy nomination last year.

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