

The Voice of Hind Rajab

Tunisia, France (2025) 89 minutes

Genre: Docudrama/war

Director: Kaouthar Ben Hania

Cast: Saja Kilani, Amer Hlehel, Nesbat Serhan, Clara Khoury, Motaz Malhees



Screening 21st October 2026 at Swindon Arts Centre

Summary

Palestinian Red Crescent volunteers receive an emergency call. A 6-year old girl is trapped in a car under IDF fire in Gaza, pleading for rescue. While trying to keep her on the line, they do everything they can to get an ambulance to her.

Reviews



Based on a real incident from the Gaza conflict, the film combines actual emergency call recordings with dramatized scenes to tell the story of a six-year-old girl trapped in a terrifying do or die situation ...

'The Voice of Hind Rajab' manages to convey its message effectively because it remains completely focused on the people behind the headlines. While it tells the story of one tragic event, it also reflects larger questions about conflict and responsibility. This is a film that demands attention as it simply refuses to soften the reality of what happened. It is a moving film that deserves to be seen.

Abhishek Srivastava, The Times of India

Some films come carrying so much weight that they become hard to bear. Some films become testaments to their time. The Voice of Hind Rajab is one that does both: it lets us in on the agony of a small child left alone in the back of a car, her family members murdered, calling for help; it also asks us to bear witness ...

What it leaves us with is the anger and guilt of a lifetime, as we experience each minute being lost in the face of bureaucratic apathy and growing danger. Hind doesn't survive, and her not being in the world makes it, like so many lives lost to war, a lesser place. It is her voice which has survived, a potent anti-war statement, if ever there was one.

Shubhra Gupta, The Indian Express

Film Facts

- It was the Official submission of Tunisia for the 'Best International Feature Film' category of the 98th Academy Awards in 2026.
- Hind Rajab doesn't appear in the film. Director Kaouthar Ben Hania said she decided not to have an actress portraying Rajab out of respect. She also had the support of Rajab's mother to make the film.

