

## Jewish leaders accuse ABC of bias over deadly conflict in Gaza and West Bank

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Under fire... ABC MD Michelle Guthrie

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Palestinian protesters evacuate a wounded youth near the Gaza Strip's border with Israel, during east of Khan Younis, in the Gaza Strip last month. Picture: AP

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