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JAMES LONGMAN PROMOTED TO CHIEF INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENT FOR ABC NEWS



*ABC News**

James Longman has been named the chief international correspondent for ABC News, announced today by ABC News President Almin Karamehmedovic.

Longman will continue to be a part of ABC News' No. 1 foreign news team, including Martha Raddatz, Ian Pannell, Marcus Moore, Matt Rivers, Maggie Rulli, Britt Clennett, Lama Hasan and Tom Soufi Burridge.

"I'm thrilled to share that James Longman has been promoted to chief international correspondent," shared Karamehmedovic. "His intrepid reporting and powerful storytelling have elevated ABC News' global coverage since he joined seven years ago, and in this new, well-deserved role, James will continue to deliver best-in-class journalism for our audiences across all programs and platforms."

Since joining ABC News as a foreign correspondent in 2017, Longman has reported from over 60 countries across all seven continents, often at the forefront of some of the most important global events of our time. He has spent months in Ukraine, documenting the Russian invasion, and in Israel

immediately following the Oct. 7 terror attack. For the first two weeks of the war in Gaza, Longman co-anchored ABC News Live's coverage, for which the team won a News Emmy® this September.

Longman is an integral part of ABC News' royal coverage and helped to lead our standout reporting of the death and funeral of Queen Elizabeth II and the coronation of King Charles. His coverage of the Thai soccer team stuck in the rainforest cave made him a household name in Thailand, and he secured ABC News an exclusive interview with the boys once they were safe. A fluent Arabic and French speaker, his ability with languages and knowledge of the Middle East have also been an asset in covering the war in Syria, where he was among the first journalists to witness the fall of Baghouz, the last ISIS town, and the first to interview American ISIS bride Hoda Mothana.

During the COVID pandemic, Longman was the first correspondent at the Italian village where the virus was starting to spread, documenting its transmission to 15 countries around the world and inspiring him to front a documentary, "Virus Hunters," in partnership with National Geographic. Other notable assignments include the fire at and subsequent restoration of Notre Dame, earthquakes in Indonesia and Turkey, and volcanic eruptions in Iceland and Spain. Longman has also covered the Olympic Games in Tokyo and Paris and has even brought viewers to the remote waters of the Antarctic to track humpback whales.

Longman has been recognized for his outstanding work, including earning Emmy Awards for his contributions to network coverage on the climate crisis and Russia's invasion of Ukraine. He also was honored with a David Bloom Award for his reporting on LGBTQ+ abuses in Chechnya. Longman has also expanded his reporting to examining the genetics of mental illness in a new book, "The Inherited Mind," which documents his family's history of schizophrenia and depression and is set to be published in January 2025.

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