

**A TRANSITIVITY ANALYSIS OF THE SELECTED ONLINE NEWS
ARTICLES FROM *WASHINGTON REPORT* AND *THE NEW YORK
TIMES* IN DEPICTING THE CURRENT ISRAEL-HAMAS
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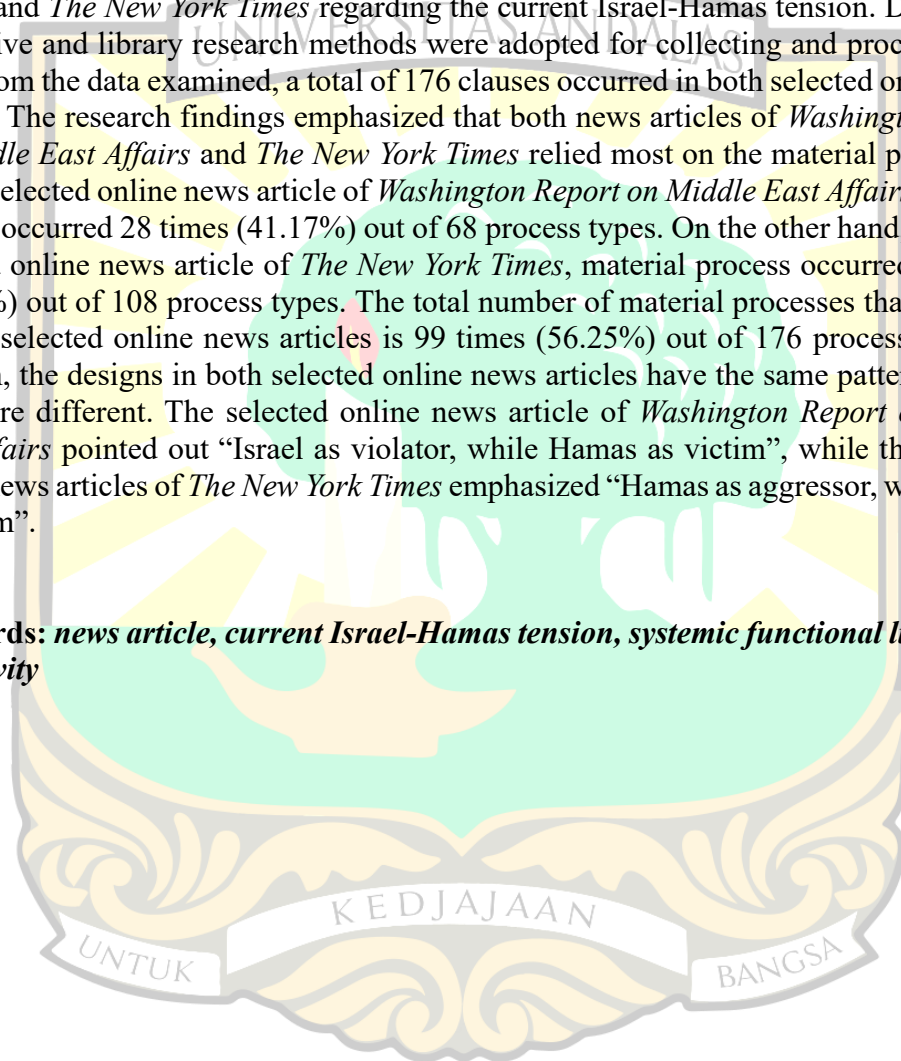
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ABSTRACT

This research examined the two selected online news articles of *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs* (WRMEA) and *The New York Times* (NYT) regarding the current Israel-Hamas tension (October 7, 2023–present). By using the transitivity system analysis within systemic functional linguistics (SFL) proposed by Halliday (1994; 2004, 2014), this research aimed to identify the predominant transitivity systems used and their interpretations in the selected online news articles of *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs* and *The New York Times* regarding the current Israel-Hamas tension. Descriptive qualitative and library research methods were adopted for collecting and processing the data. From the data examined, a total of 176 clauses occurred in both selected online news articles. The research findings emphasized that both news articles of *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs* and *The New York Times* relied most on the material process. As for the selected online news article of *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs*, material process occurred 28 times (41.17%) out of 68 process types. On the other hand, as for the selected online news article of *The New York Times*, material process occurred 71 times (65.74%) out of 108 process types. The total number of material processes that occurred in both selected online news articles is 99 times (56.25%) out of 176 process types. In addition, the designs in both selected online news articles have the same pattern, but the actors are different. The selected online news article of *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs* pointed out “Israel as violator, while Hamas as victim”, while the selected online news articles of *The New York Times* emphasized “Hamas as aggressor, while Israel as victim”.

Keywords: *news article, current Israel-Hamas tension, systemic functional linguistics, transitivity*



ABSTRAK

Penelitian ini menganalisis dua artikel berita online terpilih dari *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs* (WRMEA) dan *The New York Times* (NYT) mengenai ketegangan terkini Israel-Hamas (7 Oktober 2023–sekarang). Dengan menggunakan analisis system transitivity dalam linguistik fungsional sistemik (*Systemic Functional Linguistics/SFL*) yang diusulkan oleh Halliday, penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mengidentifikasi system transitivity dominan yang digunakan dan interpretasinya dalam artikel berita daring terpilih dari *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs* and *The New York Times* mengenai ketegangan Israel-Hamas saat ini. Metode penelitian kualitatif deskriptif dan studi kepustakaan digunakan untuk mengumpulkan dan mengolah data. Dari data yang dianalisis, terdapat total 176 klausa dalam kedua artikel berita terpilih tersebut. Temuan penelitian menunjukkan bahwa kedua artikel dari *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs* dan *The New York Times* didominasi oleh proses material. Pada artikel *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs*, proses material muncul 28 kali (41.17%) dari total 68 jenis proses. Sementara itu, dalam artikel *The New York Times*, proses material muncul 71 kali (65.74%) dari 108 jenis proses. Secara keseluruhan, proses material muncul sebanyak 99 kali (56.25%) dari total 176 jenis proses di kedua artikel berita. Selain itu, meskipun pola penyajian kedua artikel serupa, aktor-aktor yang ditonjolkan berbeda. Artikel berita *Washington Report on Middle East Affairs* menggambarkan “Israel sebagai pelanggar dan Hamas sebagai korban”, sedangkan artikel berita *The New York Times* menekankan “Hamas sebagai agresor dan Israel sebagai korban”.

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