

Israeli and US Attack on the International Criminal Court

International aid organizations **including Human rights watch, Amnesty International, Doctors Without Borders, Oxfam, and B'Tselem** (Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories) have concluded Israel is guilty of actions consistent with war crimes/crimes against humanity/genocide.

Israel committing acts of Genocide:

<https://truthout.org/articles/2-key-humanitarian-groups-join-chorus-saying-israel-committing-acts-of-genocide/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israeli_war_crimes_in_the_Gaza_war

The **Center For International Policy** reported on the growing consensus of Israeli atrocities in Gaza.

<https://internationalpolicy.org/publications/growing-consensus-on-israels-atrocities-in-gaza/>

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) and International Criminal Court (ICC) are both headquartered in The Hague, Netherlands. The two courts function in very different ways. When it comes to defining specific crimes, the ICC is unambiguous, but rogue states, such as the US and Israel, not only refuse to acknowledge, but may actually attack and/or try to dismantle it, picking and choosing which international laws to obey.

Most concerning is the fact that investigations can take decades to conclude. In all, the ICC has only managed to indict 45 people, although most are tried in absentia and never brought to justice.

The ICJ has two main roles: settling disputes that are presented to it by the countries that are involved in conflict, and advising on issues referred to it through UN channels. The ICJ can only adjudicate when all the States involved in the case in question have accepted the court's jurisdiction.

The ICC was set up by the Rome Statute in 1998 and only began operations in 2002. Its purpose is specifically to judge individuals accused of committing serious crimes: genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, crimes of aggression and offences against the administration of justice. While all UN member States are subject to the statute of the ICJ, the ICC is not an organ of the UN, nor is it universally recognized. Nevertheless, the UN Security Council can trigger a trial, as well as a State party and the actual Prosecutor.

<https://un-aligned.org/global-issues/the-icj-the-icc-whose-justice/>



<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/5/30/israels-clashes-with-the-icc-over-the-past-decade-a-timeline-of-events>

On May 28, 2024, the *UK Guardian*, in conjunction with the Israeli-Palestinian publication +972 Magazine and Hebrew-language outlet *Local Call*, reported that Israel has waged a nine year war against the International Criminal Court's efforts to pursue an investigation into possible war crimes in Gaza and the West Bank, dedicating immense intelligence and diplomatic efforts to discover the court's plans and attempting to thwart them via multiple channels and tactics including espionage and threats. Israel has long been open about its opposition to the ICC, refusing to recognize its authority. Israeli ministers have intensified their attacks on the court and even vowed to try to dismantle it.

In 2015, Fatou Bensouda, representing the International Criminal Court, decided to open a preliminary examination into the situation in Palestine. Soon after, she and her senior prosecutors began to receive warnings that Israeli intelligence was taking a close interest in their work. From 2017 to 2019, Mossad chief Yossi Cohen made a personal attempt to dissuade Bensouda from continuing her work. However, in December 2019, she announced that she had grounds to open a full criminal investigation into allegations of Israeli war crimes in Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

Cohen then escalated attempts to intimidate Bensouda by raising questions about the security of her family, and suggested that a decision to open a full investigation would be detrimental to her career. Israel also attempted an unsuccessful "smear campaign" that had no impact on her work.

On May 20, 2024, Karim Khan, Bensouda's Prosecuting successor, requested arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant. He also warned against any attempts to impede, intimidate or improperly influence Court officials. The Court, in accordance with its established procedures, then assigned the case to a three-judge, pre-trial chamber, presided over by Judge Iulia Motoc. The request for arrest warrants brought a predictable response from Israel, which launched angry recriminations, invective, and the usual tactical smears against the Court. It was instantly joined by its Western government allies in attacking the Prosecutor's request, with U.S. officials going so far as to threaten the Court itself. By May 28 2024, only eight days later, at the time of the Guardian expose, the Court had gone silent on the Palestine file- a silence that would last for five months.

Then, in early October, pro-Israel publications began circulating anonymous allegations accusing the ICC Prosecutor of harassing a female staff member. Just days later, on October 20, 2024, the ICC announced that Motoc, the Presiding Judge, had suddenly stepped down. A five-month delay after almost a full decade of stalling have of course raised questions. Acting on Israel's behalf, U.S. legislators, the State Department, and U.S. National Security Council officials have joined forces to pressure, threaten and try to derail the case against Israeli officials, even threatening sanctions against the Court.

Israel said to have waged 9-year 'war' against ICC, tapping its communications

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-said-to-have-waged-9-year-war-against-icc-tapping-its-communications/> 5/28/2024

Revealed: Israeli spy chief 'threatened' ICC prosecutor over war crimes inquiry

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/article/2024/may/28/israeli-spy-chief-icc-prosecutor-war-crimes-inquiry> 5/28/2024

Spying, hacking and intimidation: Israel's nine-year 'war' on the ICC exposed

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/article/2024/may/28/spying-hacking-intimidation-israel-war-icc-exposed> 5/28/2024

Israel's clashes with the ICC over the past decade – a timeline of events

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/5/30/israels-clashes-with-the-icc-over-the-past-decade-a-timeline-of-events> 5/30/2024

Turmoil at the ICC as Fears Rise Over Israel and the US Interference

<https://scheerpost.com/2024/11/07/turmoil-at-the-icc-as-fears-rise-over-israel-and-the-us-interference/> 11/07/2024

The ICC issued arrest orders for Netanyahu and former Israeli Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant on November 21, 2024 following investigations of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Criminal_Court_arrest_warrants_for_Israeli_leaders

<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cly2exvx944o>

The Trump administration sanctioned ICC Chief Prosecutor Karim Khan in February of 2025 as a result of those arrest warrants, calling them “baseless”. Khan is on leave pending a predictable “investigation” into alleged sexual misconduct. Such allegations are common political tools used by international Zionists against their detractors.

In his absence, Deputy Prosecutors Nazhat Shameem Khan and Mame Mandiaye Niang have assumed leadership, and the ICC says the court's work will continue to rely on the support and collaboration of the Rome Statute community.

<https://consortiumnews.com/2025/05/21/trump-sanctions-reportedly-halt-icc-work/>

A letter sent on April 24, 2024, by Senators Tom Cotton, Mitch McConnell, Marsha Blackburn, Katie Britt, Kevin Cramer, Ted Budd, Ted Cruz, Bill Hagerty, Pete Ricketts, Marco Rubio, Rick Scott and Tim Scott threatened the ICC for exercising its role in upholding international law with regard to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The twelve senators declared: "Target Israel and we will target you. If you move forward with the measures indicated in the report, we will move to end all American support for the ICC, sanction your employees and associates, and bar you and your families from the United States,"

<https://www.politico.com/live-updates/2024/05/06/congress/gop-senators-warn-icc-on-israel-00156232>

Trump's rube

The office of Francesca Albanese, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Palestinian rights, is tasked with monitoring and reporting human rights violations that Israel has committed against Palestinians. She lambasts what she calls "the moral and political corruption of the world" that allows the genocide to continue. Her office has issued detailed reports documenting war crimes in Gaza and the West Bank. Her latest report lists 48 corporations and institutions, including Palantir Technologies Inc., Lockheed Martin, Alphabet Inc. (Google), Amazon, International Business Machine Corporation (IBM), Caterpillar Inc., Microsoft Corporation and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), along with banks and financial firms such as BlackRock, insurers, real estate firms and charities, which in violation of international law, are making billions from the occupation and the genocide of Palestinians.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio called her statements – rooted in international law – "economic warfare against the United States and Israel" <https://www.jonathan-cook.net/2025-07-21/israel-genocide-big-business/>

YouTube, a subsidiary of Google, deleted over 700 videos that provided critical documentation of alleged violations of international law by the Israeli government, including the killing of Palestinian civilians. This action was taken quietly and involved the removal of accounts belonging to three prominent Palestinian human rights organizations: Al-Haq, Al Mezan Center for Human Rights, and the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights. YouTube confirmed to The Intercept that the deletions were a direct result of sanctions imposed by the U.S. State Department against the organizations. These sanctions were enacted in September 2025 by the Trump administration, targeting the groups due to their collaboration with the International Criminal Court (ICC) in investigations concerning potential war crimes committed by Israeli officials.

https://demstate.com/article/youtube-deletes-over-700-videos-documenting-israeli-human-rights-violations#google_vignette

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<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20251105-youtube-deletes-hundreds-of-videos-from-palestinian->

Escalating UN Criticism of Israel Leads to Heated Confrontation at the United Nations

A tense verbal confrontation broke out at the United Nations during a public session marking the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, as mounting UN criticism of Israeli occupation over the Israeli crimes triggered a sharp exchange between Israeli officials and senior UN representatives.

The clash involved Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations, Danny Danon, and two UN officials amid growing scrutiny over reports on Israeli crimes and violations against Palestinian children.

During the session, Danon called for the resignation of Pramila Patten, the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative on Sexual Violence during Israeli genocide, accusing her of bias after Israeli occupation was, for the first time, included on a blacklist related to such violations in a report she prepared.

Danon's remarks prompted intervention from Vanessa Frazier, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, who raised a point of order and urged Danon to refrain from personal attacks.

She emphasized that UN reports are based on verified evidence.

Danon responded angrily, demanding that Frazier stop interrupting him.

"We are a member state, and you work for the United Nations; you will be silent now... You and your disgraceful report," he said.

The confrontation comes as UN criticism of Israeli occupation intensifies following the release of a report by Frazier on behalf of the secretary-general earlier this week.

The report warned of the possible inclusion of Israeli settler groups on a global blacklist over violations against children and expressed concern over a staggering increase in abuses against Palestinian minors.



Danny Danon Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations

<https://daysofpalestine.ps/escalating-un-criticism-of-israel-leads-to-heated-confrontation-at-the-united-nations/>

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