

Five Nations Call for ICC Investigation Into 'Israel's' Genocide in Gaza

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Five nations are calling on the International Criminal Court to launch an investigation into "Israel's" indiscriminate war and genocide on Gaza and "the situation in the state of Palestine."

As confirmed by ICC chief prosecutor Karim Khan, <u>the nations are South Africa</u>, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Comoros, and Djibouti, which are all ICC members. In a statement, Khan said an investigation into Gaza and the occupied West Bank has already started in March 2021 and now "extends to the escalation of hostilities and violence since the attacks that took place on October 2023."

After a recent visit to the Rafah border crossing, Khan said his team gathered a "significant volume " of evidence on "relevant incidents" in the war, as he appealed for more evidence to be gathered and submitted.

"I will also continue my efforts to visit the state of Palestine and Israel in order to meet with survivors, hear from civil society organizations, and engage with relevant national counterparts," he said, adding, in reference to "Israel" not being an ICC member, "I call upon all relevant actors to provide full cooperation with my office."

From the ICC Itself

Other nations around the world have joined in on calls for the ICC to launch an investigation into the war crimes and crimes against humanity being committed in Gaza by "Israel".

Colombian President Gustavo Petro said on Thursday that <u>Bogota will support Algeria's case</u> at the International Criminal Court (ICC) over war crimes committed by "Israel", led by the

Israeli occupation Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, in the ongoing bombardment and ground invasion of the Gaza Strip.

Petro posed on X:

"The Republic of Colombia will cosponsor the denunciation lodged by the Republic of Algeria at the International Criminal Court over war crimes committed by Mister Benjamin Netanyahu in light of the massacre of Palestinian children and civilians he has created."

La República de Colombia va a coadyuvar la denuncia de la Republica de Argelia interpuesta ante la Corte Penal Internacional por crímenes de guerra contra el señor Benjamín Netanyahu ante la masacre de niños y civiles del pueblo palestino que ha producido.

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- Gustavo Petro (@petrogustavo) November 9, 2023

<u>Turkey has also filed a case</u> against Netanyahu with the ICC, accusing him of committing genocide against the Palestinians.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan confirmed to reporters on November 4 that Turkey is no longer considering Netanyahu as its "interlocutor", but the head of the Turkish National Intelligence Organization, Ibrahim Kalin, remains in contact with "Israel".

Attorney Metin Kulunk posted on X:

"Today... we have filed a lawsuit with the International Criminal Court in The Hague against the Hitler of the 21st century of Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu, who must stand trial for the genocide he committed in the Gaza Strip and all crimes against humanity."

The Argentinian lawyer and <u>former prosecutor of the ICC</u>, Luis Moreno Ocampo, took to social media platform X to condemn "Israel" in four posts that will probably infuriate the occupation to its very core.

In his thread, the first post read:

"A full blockade of Gaza could be considered a crime against humanity and a genocide. It could be investigated by the International Criminal Court."

Killing civilians in Gaza could be investigated as war crimes and crimes against humanity by the International Criminal Court. Israel's answer to Hamas crimes should not be a pogrom in Gaza.

Luis Moreno Ocampo (@MorenoOcampo1) October 15, 2023

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