

Extrajudicial Executions and Torture of Palestinians: Israel Attempts to Block Yet Another UN Report

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Having succeeded in blocking a recent UN report that accused Israel of maintaining a system of apartheid, Israeli officials are now attempting to remove another UN report, which has charged along with a list of other human rights violations.

The report by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), which previously accused Israel of apartheid, has come under fire from Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations, Danny Danon, because it states that in the period from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 Israeli security forces killed 63 Palestinians, including 19 children, and wounded an additional 2,276 Palestinians including 562 children.

The previous ESCWA report, which had accused Israel of apartheid, was removed by the UN following protests by Danon and US Ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley, who this week described the UN report of "[reeking with anti-Israel bias](#)".

The new report accuses Israeli security forces of using disproportionate force against Palestinians and in some cases of "extrajudicial executions". The report cites the UN Committee Against Torture and its concern about "Israeli practices towards Palestinian detainees".

The list of human rights violations included in the report were also "torture or ill-treatment of Palestinian children" and "deprivation of basic legal safeguards for administrative detainees, isolation and solitary confinement of detainees, including minors, punishment and ill-treatment of hunger strikers." The report also claimed that

no criminal investigation was opened into more than 1,000 complaints of torture or ill-treatment filed since 2001.

Israeli sources have reported that Danon will work to have this report removed.

"This is yet another blood libel against the State of Israel," Arutz Sheva reported Israel's envoy to the UN saying. "Just as we succeeded in having the previous preposterous report removed, we will fight relentlessly against this blatantly false distortion of the truth as well."

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