

Israel's Ambassador to the UN Wears Nazi-era Yellow Star as He Slams UN Security Council 'for Staying Silent' as Jewish Babies Are Burned by Hamas

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Israel's ambassador to the UN displayed a yellow star reminiscent of Holocaust victims on his chest Monday, provocatively pledging to wear the badge until members of the Security Council condemn Hamas 'atrocities.'

The state has previously called for Secretary General Antonio Guterres to resign after he said last week that the October 7 Hamas attack that killed 1,400 ['didn't happen in a vacuum.'](#)

'Some of you have learned nothing in the past 80 years. Some of you have forgotten why this body was established,' envoy Gilad Erdan said.

Erdan denounced the Security Council for 'staying silent' over the unprecedented deadly attacks by Hamas Palestinian militants against Israel.

The deeply divided 15-member council has not adopted a single resolution on the three-week-long war between Israel and Hamas.

'So, I will remind you. From this day on, each time you look at me you will remember what staying silent in the face of evil means,' the ambassador said.

'Just like my grandparents, and the grandparents of millions of Jews, from now on my team and I will wear yellow stars,' he said, standing up to affix one on the breast of his suit inscribed with the words 'Never Again,' in reference to the yellow stars Jews were forced to wear by the Nazis.

But Erdan will wear it 'as a symbol of pride,' he said.

'We will wear this star until you wake up and condemn the atrocities of Hamas.'

His wearing of the badge, which has come to symbolise the oppression of Jews since its imposition in Nazi-occupied Europe, was swiftly criticised by Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust memorial, which urged him to wear the Israeli flag instead.

'This act disgraces the victims of the Holocaust as well as the state of Israel,' Yad Vashem chairman Dani Dayan said in a Hebrew-language post on X, formerly Twitter.

'The yellow star symbolises the helplessness of the Jewish people and their being at the mercy of others. We now have an independent state and a strong army. We are the masters of our own fate.

'Today we will fasten to our lapel a blue and white flag, not a yellow star.'

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has called the October 7 attacks the worst against the Jewish people since the Holocaust.

For weeks the Security Council has been riven by divisions over the war and its impact, rejecting four draft resolutions about the conflict.

Some texts were blocked by the United States, a close Israel ally, because they did not mention Israel's right to defend itself.

Another presented by the Americans was stymied by Russia and China in particular because it did not clearly call for a ceasefire.



Jews wearing Star of David badges, Lodz Ghetto, Poland, World War II, 1940-1944



A gold Star of David with the words 'Never Again' is worn by Israel United Nations Ambassador Gilad Erdan as he speaks during a Security Council meeting

In light of the impasse, the UN General Assembly last Friday adopted by a large majority a nonbinding resolution requesting an 'immediate humanitarian truce,' but not mentioning Hamas.

Israel, through Erdan, blasted the text, saying it will 'go down as infamy.'

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