

Israel's Prime Minister Netanyahu fearful of War Crime Charges as Palestinian Authority seeks Membership of the International Criminal Court

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PA President Mahmoud Abbas has signed the Rome Statute in a bid to join the ICC, prompting threats by the Israeli prime minister that he will instruct the U.S. congress to cut off all funding to the Palestinians in an attempt to protect themselves against criminal charges, by causing the collapse of the Palestinian Authority.

This is akin to an alleged murderer who, upon being apprehended, then endeavors to use his powerful family connections to damage the prosecution's case in an abortive bid to change both the evidence and the law so as to avoid justice, whilst the corpses of his victims still lie piled on top of one another in the morgue.

Notes:

The International Criminal Court is an intergovernmental organization of 122 member states (excluding Israel, Sudan and the US) that sits in the Netherlands, within the European Union. The ICC has the jurisdiction to prosecute individuals for the international crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes.

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