

Stolen Docs Expose Israel War Crimes

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Former Israeli soldier Anat Kam says she has taken secret military documents as evidence of war crimes committed by Tel Aviv in the occupied West Bank.

Kam, 23, is indicted for espionage over stealing 2,000 classified military documents during her compulsory military service and leaking them to Ha'aretz reporter Uri Blau.

According to new details released of a court hearing held two months ago, Kam claimed that she took the military documents to present as evidence "if and when the war crime the IDF was and is committing in the West Bank" were to be investigated, Israeli media reported Monday.

"I didn't have the chance to change some of the things that I found important to change during my military service, and I thought that by exposing these [materials] I would make a change," Ha'aretz quoted Kam as saying.

"It was important for me to bring the IDF's policy to public knowledge," she added.

Israel has decided to prosecute Kam on espionage charges, which carry a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

Her lawyers, however, said they have started negotiations over a plea bargain and called on the Ha'aretz reporter to hand over the documents he had received from Kam.

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