

Send a letter to the UNGA President: Suspend Israel from the UN Now!

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Action Alert



Over the course of Israel's year-long live-streamed genocide against 2.3 million Palestinians in Gaza, it has attacked the United Nations repeatedly. It has killed 228 UN staff members in Gaza—the highest number of UN personnel killed in any conflict since the creation of the UN.

Israel is a rogue nation. It should be removed from the United Nations Mehdi Hasan

One rogue nation cannot declare war on the UN itself and continue to get away with it

Sign and send the following letter to UNGA President Philémon Yang.

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To: spm@spm.gov.cm, opga@un.org

Subject: President Yang, Suspend Israel from the UN Now!

President Philémon Yang,

I am writing to you to respectfully demand the immediate suspension of apartheid Israel from the United Nations, just as apartheid South Africa was once suspended.

Israel is waging a war not just against the Palestinian people but also against the UN, which emerged to protect human rights and international law, and whose General Assembly you are currently presiding over.

Israel's conduct towards the UN in the last year has been contemptuous in an unprecedented way. As part of its ongoing genocide against 2.3 million Palestinians in the illegally occupied and besieged Gaza Strip, Israel has killed at least 228 UN staff members in Gaza. Israel is in the process of designating UNRWA as a "terrorist" organization. It has attacked UN peacekeepers in southern Lebanon a dozen times, using white phosphorus in some attacks, as revealed recently. Israel's outgoing ambassador has even shredded a copy of the UN Charter from the UNGA podium, calling for the UN headquarters to be "wiped off the face of the Earth."

Apartheid Israel fails the basic conditions of UN membership - it is anything but a peace-loving state and does neither accept nor carry out its obligations under the UN Charter and international law. It's a major menace to global peace and security. Beyond its livestreamed genocide in Gaza and its outrageous attacks on the UN, Israel is perpetrating rolling massacres in Lebanon and escalating aggression against other states in the region. Moreover, commitment to the right of return of the Palestine refugees was a necessary condition for Israel's admission to the United Nations in the first place. Since then until today, Israel has instead continued to escalate its policy of ethnic cleansing.

A month ago, the UN General Assembly adopted with an overwhelming majority a resolution enacting the July 2024 Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on Israel's unlawful occupation and apartheid against Palestinians. For the first time in 42 years, the UNGA called for imposing sanctions on Israel. This evokes the historic precedent from exactly 50 years ago, when the UNGA suspended apartheid South Africa.

For all this and much more, Israel's membership of the UN must be suspended, at the very least, and it must face serious sanctions to force it to comply with international law.

President Yang, take the first step in this direction by initiating the process of Israel's suspension from the UNGA. There is no justification for allowing a member state to obliterate the very principles upon which this body was founded.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

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The Israeli government is actively working to destroy the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), a UN agency providing essential services to millions of Palestinian refugees who are entitled to return to their land. Israel's genocidal military has repeatedly and deliberately attacked UN peacekeepers in southern Lebanon a dozen times, using white phosphorus in some attacks, as revealed recently. It has destroyed UN infrastructure across the region, particularly in Gaza, including schools, warehouses and refugee camps

Israel's outgoing ambassador desecrated the UN Charter by shredding a copy from the General Assembly podium, while calling for the UN Headquarters to be "wiped off the face of the Earth." It has actively obstructed the work of the UN officials to investigate its crimes across historic Palestine by denying them entry, not just in the course of this genocide but for decades. It has also declared the UN Secretary General "persona non grata."

Apartheid Israel fails the basic conditions of UN membership - it is anything but a peace-loving state and does neither accept nor carry out its obligations under the UN Charter and international law. Beyond its livestreamed genocide in Gaza and its outrageous attacks on the UN, Israel is perpetrating rolling massacres in Lebanon and escalating aggression against other states in the region. Commitment to the right of return of the Palestine refugees was a necessary condition for Israel's admission to the UN in the first place. Yet, Israel has continued to escalate its policy of ethnic cleansing. Today, 9.17 million Palestinians, 64% of the entire Palestinian people, are refugees or displaced from their homes, while Israel denies them their inherent and UN-stipulated right of return and reparations.

For all this and much more, Israel must be kicked out of the UN. It is overdue that the UN Security Council under Article 6 of the UN Charter recommends to the UN General Assembly to withdraw Israel's membership. Yet, in order to act, the General Assembly does not need to wait for the Security Council, chronically paralyzed by the veto of the US and other allies of apartheid and genocide.

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This evokes the historic precedent from exactly 50 years ago, when the UN General Assembly suspended apartheid South Africa. Just as in the case of Israel, the UN Security Council protected South Africa's regime despite all crimes, but the General Assembly effectively suspended it from the UN proceedings recognizing that an apartheid state maintaining an illegal occupation lacks international legitimacy and representativity of the people under its control.

Today, with the continued complicity of the West, led by the US, Israel's genocide in Gaza takes new horrific turns everyday – most recently burning patients and displaced Palestinians alive. Its bloody aggression in the occupied West Bank including East Jerusalem is intensifying. The apartheid and genocidal regime is plunging the region towards an all-out war.

This can only be stopped if we push our leaders and governments to take concrete action.

Join us today in writing to the President of the UNGA, Philémon Yang, urging him to enact the resolution sanctioning Israel by suspending it from the UN!

Let's remind the institution of its responsibility!

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