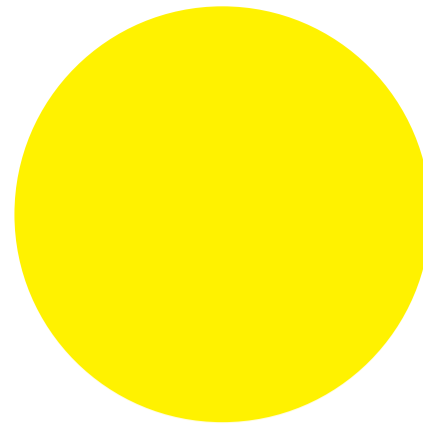


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Countdown begins to topple child killer Bibi

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OPINION

Despite Benjamin Netanyahu's desperate last-ditch efforts to salvage his political career through the brazen attack on Rafah, his extremist cabinet remains mired in controversy. The assault on the refugee camp has stoked international outrage, leaving Western governments with no choice but to condemn Israel's actions. The situation is so dire that even Ofer Cassif, a member of the Israeli parliament (Knesset), has termed it as genocide and demanded the perpetrators be brought to justice.

The noose of international pressure continues to tighten around the belligerent Israeli prime minister. Recently, three European nations—Spain, Norway, and Ireland—officially recognized Palestine as an independent state.

Slovenia's Foreign Affairs Minister, Tanja Fajon, underscored the urgency of a united response from the European Union, including the imposition of sanctions, should Israel's aggression persist. In a significant development, Josep Borrell, the European Union's foreign policy chief, supported the International Criminal Court's decision to arrest Netanyahu and his defense minister on war crime charges in Gaza. Borrell emphasized the importance of upholding the ICC's rulings to ensure justice is served. This move comes amidst an ongoing International Court of Justice order to cease the attack on Rafah.

The barrage of lawsuits against Israel in international organizations shows no signs of abating, with fresh complaints being lodged daily. Most recently, Reporters Without Borders has urged the ICC prosecutor to probe crimes committed by the Israeli regime against at least nine Palestinian journalists between December 2023 and May 2024.

In addition to mounting international pressure, pro-Palestinian activism is also gaining traction. At the People's Conference for Palestine in Detroit, Michigan, 3,000 attendees from various pro-Palestinian organizations gathered to express solidarity with the Palestinian people and call for an end to genocide, the lifting of the Gaza blockade, and the cessation of US aid to the Israeli regime.

As grassroots movements and global institutions alike intensify their efforts to hold Israel accountable for its actions, the coming months will undoubtedly see further developments in this ongoing struggle for justice and human rights.

Ehud Olmert, the former prime minister of Israel, has openly condemned the ongoing conflict, asserting that the war serves no purpose other than to advance the interests of Netanyahu and his extreme cabinet members. Calling for Benny Gantz and Gadi Eisenkot, two members of the war cabinet, to step down, Olmert emphasized the futility of achieving a decisive victory or eradicating Hamas.

Meanwhile, dissent is mounting within the occupied territories. As reported by the Israeli Broadcasting Corporation (iba), settlers staged protests in front of the Ministry of War headquarters in Tel Aviv, demanding an immediate prisoner exchange with the resistance in Gaza. The demonstrators also emphasized the need to oust Netanyahu and hold early elections.

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Iran's 12th Parliament Inaugurated

Leader: Lawmakers' main job to secure national interests

Iran's 12th Parliament was officially inaugurated on Monday with a message of the Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

In his message, the Leader stressed the importance of continuing and strengthening "religious democracy", describing it as a "big divine gift" to the Iranian nation.

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