UN rights council sinks to a pathetic new low

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Russia invaded Ukraine and is committing war crimes there. China locked down cities with tens of millions of people, is menacing Honk Kong, and oppressing the Uyghurs. In Ethiopia, hundreds of thousands more have died in a war no one cares about. In Venezuela, mass protests were forcibly suppressed; and of course, in North Korea, the regime continues to abuse its citizens and threaten its neighbors.

As for these "minor" issues, the international body known as the "United Nations Human Rights Council" either doesn't address them at all or only partially. When it comes to Israel, on the other hand, the UNHRC has all the time and resources in the world.

There's a permanent clause pertaining only to us; "special investigators" who, coincidentally, have always been hostile to Israel; and professional, unbiased reports that somehow show that Israel is responsible for every atrocity across the globe. If it weren't so sad, it would be funny.

Every child knows the UN is slanted against Israel and that the General Assembly would decide the sun rises in the west if only such a resolution would harm us. The "Human Rights Council," meanwhile, is already blatantly antisemitic. When it is headed by enlightened countries such as Libya, Pakistan, and Qatar, it's no surprise that crucifying Israel comes easy.

In Jerusalem, Israeli officials waited in suspense for months for the one-sided report on Operation Guardian of the Walls. According to the Foreign Ministry's assessment, the report is part of an attempt by radical left-wing organizations to denounce Israel as an apartheid state. They intend on spreading this poison across the globe. And, as crazy as it sounds, they hope such a declaration by a UN body will ultimately force Israel to withdraw to 1948 lines.

The report's second goal is to tighten the legal noose against Israelis. Eighteen lawyers working for the HRC in Geneva will operate a type of juridical headquarters that will publish bi-annual reports against Israelis, soldiers and civilians, officers, and elected officials. The UN has allocated this team an annual budget of $4 million. These reports will be sent to the International Criminal Court at The Hague and other courts around the world.

The members of Adalah and B'Tselem are mistaken, however, if they think this will defeat the country in which they operate. Israel's diplomatic apparatus is planning for a years-long battle with the UNHRC, which has an ongoing, unlimited mandate to investigate Israel. Our representatives across the globe are well versed and experienced in fighting this war.