

In response to UN call for
Submissions

- *“Underlying root causes of recurrent tensions, instability and protraction of conflict in and between the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel; as well as systematic discrimination and repression based on national, ethnic, racial or religious identity;*
- *Facts and circumstances regarding alleged violations of international humanitarian law and alleged violations and abuses of international human rights law leading up to and since 13 April 2021;*
- *Identification of those responsible;*
- *Recommendations on accountability measures, with a view to avoiding and ending impunity and ensuring legal accountability, including individual criminal and command responsibility;*
- *Recommendations on measures to be taken by third States to ensure respect for international humanitarian law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.”*

Underlying root causes of tensions are inflamed by the rhetoric in the ruling faction of Gaza and their calculated approach, and intent, to incite hate and harm towards Israel in all possible ways. A narrative of hate and division imposed on Israel from various external sources. Bias against Israel is prevalent in media from international agencies and media.

<https://www.algemeiner.com/2020/06/08/palestinians-ramp-up-incitement-to-murder-jews/>

<https://www.camera.org/article/backgrounder-new-hamas-platform/>

<https://www.law.com/newyorklawjournal/2021/06/10/hamas-not-israel-violated-international-humanitarian-law/>

<https://www.miryaminstitute.org/commentary-blog/the-media-must-do-better-in-reporting-conflict-n>

Individuals in the Sheikh Jarrah residences who had built illegally on public land wanted to accept a compromised offer, but were pressured not to by the Palestinian Authority and Hamas. The tail end emotional media coverage of these court proceedings regarding the land (that had been going on for decades) was intentionally skewed.

<https://www.camera.org/article/sheikh-jarrah-the-facts/>

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All individuals were at risk of death and harm when missiles were launched once again at Israel. The terrorists who attacked did not seem to even care if they harmed Palestinians so long as they harmed Israel.

<https://besacenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2081-Palestinians-Killed-by-Hamas-Rockets-Safian-final-2.pdf>

<https://twitter.com/DCIPalestine/status/1392190460093927424>

The practice of teaching children to hate Jews is surely an abuse under humanitarian standards and rights.

<https://www.israelnationalnews.com/news/122365>

<https://www.newsweek.com/palestinian-incitement-hate-speech-kills-421424>

The systematic discrimination and repression based on national, ethical, racial, or religious identity is clearly against Israel. The prevalent distortion of its way and its people, by allegedly educated people and organizations, is most concerning.

Israel's government currently has an Arab majority. The political parties represented are diverse. It is a model for countries truly seeking to be democratic. Israeli responsibilities and freedoms extend to all their citizens. The 3 predominant religions in Israel are as spiritual cousins. Respect for each is given within governance and society. All other practices of faith are respected also.

These are not things one would find in an apartheid state or government. A global campaign to delegitimize Israel is glaringly evident.

<https://www.adl.org/resources/backgrounders/bds-the-global-campaign-to-delegitimize-israel>

Anti-Zionism is the new antisemitism....

[Rabbi Sacks on the connection between, antisemitism, anti-Zionism, Judaism and Israel](#)

[Rabbi Sacks on The Mutation of Antisemitism](#)

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A flawed and politicized process is exemplified with the creation of this Commission of Inquiry. It is serving as a bigoted attack on the Jewish State, applying standards not used for any other Member State.

Education is key. It is crucial to increase proper awareness and understanding in our governments, schools, and all walks of business. There is a plethora of Jewish institutions, organizations, and individuals that have the resources and ability to help do so.

But most important is willingness to learn. We need that sort of leadership in the positions of authority. Building stronger business and community relations with Israel is most reasonable to pursue. The Abraham Accords speak to the power of making peace through business.

Known terror organizations, and their supporters, obviously need be held accountable for their crimes. Making media sources more accountable is also overdue.

I am from a rural part of Canada. I live a quiet, simple life. But even here on rural roads, I can see the harm perpetuated by these antisemitic narratives that have accompanied physical attacks on Israel. It is reprehensible that Israel is being suggested in any way as being responsible for the attack.

It is most concerning.

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