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While Israel has ensured entry of thousands of tons of food into Gaza, the International Criminal Court accuses the Jewish state of starving Gazans. In fact, it is Hamas thugs who are hijacking aid trucks, like the one above, creating hunger and exorbitant food prices for hungry Gazans.

## ICC threatens Netanyahu and Defense Minister with bogus arrest warrants

Dear Friend of Israel, Friend of FLAME:

Reports predict that within two weeks, the International Criminal Court (ICC) will issue arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, based on trumped-up charges of “intentionally using starvation of civilians as a method of warfare,” and “intentionally directing attacks against the civilian population.”

This action would be perhaps the most outrageous miscarriage of justice in the history of international law.

The ICC is expected to simultaneously issue warrants for Hamas leaders Yahya Sinwar and Ismail Haniyeh, shamefully implying a moral equivalence between the leaders of Israel—a democratic country exercising the right to defend itself—and the leaders of Hamas—a genocidal terrorist group responsible for the worst atrocities against the Jewish people since the Holocaust.

The ICC lacks any legitimacy to make these accusations against Israel. According to the Court’s own charter, it has no authority to adjudicate issues against a nation, like Israel, governed by its own rule of law. In addition, some of the world’s most influential nations, including Israel and the United States, are not signatories to the ICC.

Above all, the charges against the two Israeli leaders are baseless and reek of flagrant bias against the Jewish state. Neither Israel nor its leaders are guilty of intentionally starving Gazans. Israel has allowed unprecedented amounts of aid into Gaza, and all the rumors of famine have been proven wrong. If Gazans are hungry, it’s because Hamas steals most of the aid meant for them. Hamas is guilty of intentionally starving Gazans, not Israel.

Furthermore, under no circumstances does Israel intentionally target civilians. In fact, Israel takes

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**Stop Terrorism on Campus**  
Attacks on Israel and Jews on scores of American universities have exploded into a jihadi-fueled, violent revolution against American freedoms and values

While protesters violate school rules, state and federal laws... writing and destroying campus property, refusing access to Jewish students and physically attacking those who disagree with their terrorist ideology... grievous college administrators have failed to stop the insanity!

**What are the facts?**  
Anti-Semitic acts on U.S. college campuses have skyrocketed by 70% since Hamas' October 7 massacre in Israel—and they've become more violent. Jewish students have been harassed, harmed from afar, and physically attacked by pro-Hamas demonstrators, reminiscent of Nazi behavior in 1930s Germany. Schoolwide while school officials have spent against Black, Muslim and LGBTQ+ students, they refuse to protect Jewish and pro-Israel students.

Massive campus administrations—and faculty—have become so emboldened, they no longer hide their scorn for the United States, by tearing down American flags and replacing them with those of our enemies' "Palestine." Truth, they speak with impunity as freedom of speech, routinely seize and destroy school property and deny risk-free institutions even general free speech rights.

**Anti-American and genocidal goals inspired by Islamist terror:** No wonder pro-Hamas protesters paint the walls of their jihad spaces, from "Death to America! Death to Israel!" No surprise, either, that campus protesters cheered such massive trouble and drove attacks on Israel recently. They shouted goal is to "globalize the intifada." Militants support their proxy Hamas' mission to create an Islamist caliphate as well as the terrorist group's slaughter of some 1,200 innocent Israeli. Finally, the media shout "Free the river to the sea, Palestine will be free," a demand the U.S. House of Representatives recently declared to be antisemitic—a call for genocide of seven million Israeli Jews.

**A revolution of hate that opposes civil liberties and academic freedom:** This violent revolutionary movement is rooted in neo-Marxism, which divides the world into oppressor and oppressed. The ideology, which holds dominant American university culture, has inspired both critical race theory (CRT) and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) policies. It classifies people, organizations and nations into categories of good and evil according to their allegiance to the oppressor-oppressed axis. Oppressors are induced to defend "as many enemies necessary"—a slogan seen at many anti-Israel protests. Campus revolutionaries and their faculty mentors consider Jews, Israel and the U.S. to be "white" oppressors and therefore subject to violent "resistance"—such as breaking into and setting buildings, attacking Jewish students, and preventing "Muslim" students' access to their own campus.

**College administrators have scandalously failed to do**

**their jobs:** Their two foremost responsibilities are to protect students' safety and academic freedom. That means no tolerance for harassment or intimidation of Jewish or any students. It means honoring the search for truth and free expression—and forbidding "cancel culture." Finally, administrators must apply policies fairly. If they speak or call for genocide against any ethnic group on campus is not permitted, college administrators cannot allow administrators to call for Israeli destruction.

**Four ways Americans can shut down terror on campus.** If college administrators will fail to speak, students and faculty speech—and fail to protect students' freedom—should be removed. Students who violate school policies on hate speech, harassment, flag desecration or trespassing should be suspended or expelled. Faculty who do the same—those with tenure—should be fired for cause.

**Their behavior is hateful, harmful and often unlawful**  
20+ Congress must increase penalties related to antisemitic and hateful behavior on campus, on schools and revocation of visas for foreign students who participate in antisemitic or unlawful activities.

30 Colleges should face dire legal consequences for failing to stamp out antisemitism. Already Columbia University faces a lawsuit that alleges "wreck the school" harassment of Jewish students, who have been punched, shamed, spat on, blocked from attending classes and moving freely about campus. Dozens of other U.S. colleges face similar federal lawsuits.

40 Dozens should withhold gifts from colleges that refuse to act against antisemitism. Many donors have already caused their giving, including Robert Kraft, CEO of the New England Patriots, who pulled his support from Columbia University due to unacknowledged Jew-hatred.

The current behavior of "pro-Palestinian" militants at American colleges and universities is hateful, harmful and too often unlawful—on terrorism on campus. If your outrage against Jew-hatred and students were directed against any other ethnic or "harmful" group on campus, it would not be a national firestorm, it would raise eyebrows and cause. Time to shut down the insanity.

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precautions to protect civilians in part above and beyond what any other military in the world does to protect innocents. In contrast, Hamas tries to maximize civilian casualties by purposely placing themselves and their military infrastructure among civilians.

As one of America's strongest allies and one of the most stalwart defenders of Western democratic values, Israel deserves the support of the U.S. and other Western powers in opposing, repudiating and refusing to enforce the forthcoming ICC warrants.

**The ICC is a body with no authority of its own, and one that clearly lacks support from the "international community."** The Court was established in 2002 to hold those responsible for war crimes accountable. But acceptance of the Court is not universal. The U.S., Russia, China, India and many other countries, including Israel, are not party to the ICC. Thus, any warrants the Court issues against Israel's leaders are invalid.

The Court, however, believes that since the "State of Palestine" is signatory, it does have the legal authority to prosecute war crimes in the Gaza Strip. In other words, the ICC claims jurisdiction based on ratification by a country that does not exist.

**The anticipated decision to issue warrants for Netanyahu and Gallant demonstrates the ICC's distinct and enduring bias against Israel.** The decision was made through consultation with tainted advisors. Kevin Jon Heller, a special advisor to the ICC prosecutor, for example, wrote in an article in 2015, "I wholeheartedly support BDS"—the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement against Israel—"in its economic and cultural forms."

Baroness Helena Kennedy and Daniel Friedman, two members of the panel of legal experts that recommended the warrants, have also displayed anti-Israel bias. In 2020, Kennedy signed a letter wrongly claiming the Israeli government was planning to annex parts of Judea and Samaria (aka, the West Bank), and called on the UK impose sanctions on Israel if it did so. She also falsely accused Israel of cutting off Gaza's water supply. Friedman as well accused Israel of dehumanizing the Palestinians. This is hardly the impartiality one would expect from a credible judicial body.

**Accusations of Israel using starvation and targeting of innocent civilians are patently, demonstrably false.** Last month, the UN's Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) shot down rumors of famine in Gaza. "The available evidence does not indicate that famine is currently occurring," the IPC report said. Indeed, Israel has allowed an unlimited amount of aid into Gaza, which explains why Gaza markets are overwhelmed with goods.

Some Palestinians have died of malnutrition since the beginning of the war—34 to be exact, according to a July 9<sup>th</sup> UN press release. In a land of more than two million people, this hardly rises to the level of famine—and certainly no indication Israel is purposely starving Gazans. In fact, Hamas is responsible for any hunger in Gaza, as it steals most of the aid that flows into the territory.

**Furthermore, Israel does not intentionally target civilians.** In fact, Israel takes more care to avoid harm to civilians than any other military in the world. During the war in Gaza, Israel has taken unprecedented measures to avoid civilian casualties, including warning civilians of impending strikes, creating humanitarian corridors, issuing evacuation notices and using precise munitions to ensure that it is Hamas terrorists who are targeted, not innocent Palestinians. These measures have led to a civilian-to-combatant death ratio of just 1.5 to 1, perhaps the lowest in the history of modern warfare.

Noted military experts have attested to Israel's efforts to protect civilian lives in war, including 29-year British Army veteran Col. (ret.) Richard Kemp, who said Israel's measures "represent by far the largest scale and most sophisticated efforts ever made to avoid civilian casualties in battle." Similarly, U.S. army veteran John Spencer, chair of urban warfare studies at West Point's Modern Warfare Institute, said Israel "has implemented more measures to prevent civilian casualties than any other military in history."

In sharp contrast, Hamas consistently uses human shields, hiding terrorists and weapons among civilians and within and about civilian structures—schools, mosques, residences, even hospitals.

Despite their inherent injustice, the ICC's predicted warrants do not bode well for Israel. Netanyahu has already called off a stopover in Europe on his way to address the U.S. Congress for fear he could be arrested. Indeed, Netanyahu could face arrest in any of the 124 countries that do accept ICC jurisdiction, should they choose to enforce the warrants.

Please make the point when speaking with family, friends, colleagues—or in letters to the editor—that the U.S. and Western nations should oppose, repudiate and refuse to honor these falsely based warrants against democratically elected Israeli officials.

If you agree we need to spread this truth, please use your email browser to forward this Hotline issue to fellow lovers of Israel—and encourage them to join us by subscribing to the Hotline at no charge.

Best regards,

Jason Shvili, Contributing Editor

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P.S. The riots, vandalism and illegal trespassing on American college campuses have

sharpened the knives of the Israel haters. It's become clear that the "pro-Palestinian" protesters are purely anti-Israel and support the genocide of Jews "between the river and the sea." Scandalously, we've also seen hard evidence that university administrators are willing to ignore or openly support the antisemitic hate speech and harassment of Jewish students—though they would never permit such behavior against other minorities. I hope you'll agree that we supporters of Jewish students and hate-free campuses need to speak out. FLAME's new *hasbarah*—explanatory message—"Stop Terrorism on Campus"—calls for four actions to eliminate campus outlaws and to restore rights to all students. Please review this convincing, fact-based editorial, which FLAME recently published in the *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Tampa Bay Times*, *Denver Post* and *Mercury News*. This piece will also be sent to all members of Congress, Vice President Harris and President Biden. If you agree that this kind of public relations effort on Israel's behalf is critical, I urge you to support us with a donation.

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