



Long-time enemy of Israel, Navi Pillay, leveraged her animus making false accusations against the Jewish state in her service to the UN Human Rights Council and the International Criminal Court,. Despite no significant peace achievements, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Nobel Peace Prize goes to world's most slanderous UN antisemite

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Dear Friend of Israel, Friend of FLAME:

Giving the Nobel Peace Prize to Israel-hater Navi Pillay makes a mockery of the award and only fuels the global campaign to delegitimize the Jewish state. The Nobel Committee's decision to announce the award in the midst of memorials to October 7 massacre victims was an added stab in the back.

Alfred Nobel, for whom the Nobel Prize is named, said the Nobel Peace Prize should be given to those who have done the "most or the best work for fraternity between nations, for the abolition or reduction of

standing armies, and for the holding and promotion of peace congresses.” Pillay has done none of these things. In fact, she has no experience as a peacemaker.

Pillay is a lawyer who served as a judge on both the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (1995-2003) and the International Criminal Court (ICC) (2003-2008) She was also the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (2008-2014) and Chair of the UN Human Rights Council’s (UNHRC) Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory (COI) (2021-2025). She currently serves as an ad hoc judge on the International Court of Justice.

Pillay’s career includes a well-documented history of anti-Israel, antisemitic bias, as well as a history of applying human rights advocacy very selectively, spending a disproportionate amount of time criticizing Israel, while glossing over genuine human rights offenders. Hardly an inspiring choice for the Nobel Peace Prize.

The Nobel Committee said they chose Pillay “for her efforts to promote peace and international law.” Really!? Pillay simply twisted international law to support her Israel-bashing agenda, most notably chairing the COI that falsely accused Israel of genocide in Gaza—“the biggest lie of the 21st century.”—as Israel’s Foreign Ministry appropriately describes it.

While it’s no surprise the Nobel Committee didn’t choose long-time Peace Prize aspirant Donald Trump for this year’s award, the case for the President is actually stronger than for Pillay. Unlike Pillay, at least Trump has actually contributed to world peace, via the Abraham Accords.

Three sins should have disqualified Pillay from the Peace Prize: 1) Anti-Israel bias: She has accused Israel of apartheid, which she knows is an outrageous lie. Israel has no laws separating or discriminating against its citizens because of race, as was the case in apartheid South Africa.

Pillay also supports the hateful BDS movement, participation in which is illegal in many U.S. states. In 2020, for instance, she signed a petition organized by the South African BDS Coalition titled “Sanction Apartheid Israel!”, which called for punitive measures including restrictions on military and security cooperation.

In 2009, Pillay endorsed the Goldstone Report, which accused the Israel Defense Forces of war crimes and crimes against humanity. In a *Huffington Post* op-ed titled, “The Vital Importance of Ending Impunity in Israel and Palestine,” she wrote, “I lend my full support to Justice Goldstone’s report and its recommendations.” The report’s evidence was later exposed as fraudulent, causing its main author, Justice Richard Goldstone, to disavow it. Pillay, however, has refused to repudiate the lies.

She saved her worst libel of Israel for last, when, in 2025, she chaired the COI that issued a report falsely accusing Israel of committing genocide in Gaza without verified facts.

2) Defending and enabling antisemitism. For example, in 2010, UN Watch wrote a letter to her, requesting the UNHRC remove antisemitic material from its website, which included the blood libel of Israel stealing Palestinians’ organs. The request was rejected.

In 2022, Pillay defended fellow COI member Miloon Kothari after he invoked the antisemitic trope of about Jews controlling the media, saying that social media was “controlled largely by – whether it is the Jewish lobby or specific NGOs.”

In 2025, her COI report that accused Israel of genocide even went to so far as to say that the Jews had no historical rights in Judea and Samaria (aka, the West Bank), ignoring Jewish presence in their ancient

biblical homeland for thousands of years until 1948, when Jordan ethnically cleansed it of all Jews.

3) Selective human rights advocacy. For instance, a 2011 UN Watch study of her first two years as UN High Commissioner for Human Rights found Pillay issued no country-specific statements on numerous authoritarian regimes, such as North Korea, Cuba, and Syria, while roughly 43% of her statements on the Middle East and North Africa targeted Israel—the region's only democracy.

Furthermore, on the day Pillay was announced the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, UN whistleblower Emma Reilly, who worked under her, claimed that under Pillay's watch, the UN Human Rights Office handed the names of Uyghur and other dissidents to Chinese authorities (some later reportedly facing reprisals). Thus, though not yet proven, Pillay may herself be guilty of complicity in genocide.

Pillay has twisted international law to support her anti-Israel agenda. She chaired the COI that published a report accusing Israel of genocide in Gaza, without proving intent as required by international law. Recently, Chris Sidoti, another member of the COI, admitted that the panel reported that Israel intended to commit "genocide" in Gaza despite never collecting direct evidence to prove it.

Sidoti also admitted that the COI's thoroughly debunked claim that 83% of Gaza casualties were non-combatants, which the panel used to accuse Israel of "deliberately" killing civilians, was not independently verified.

Pillay utterly discredited the application of international law. Her attempt to distort the definition of genocide to suit her anti-Israel agenda severely sullied the reputation of the UNHRC, though to be fair, the UN body already had a shameful reputation, because since it was created in 2006, it has passed more resolutions against Israel than all other countries combined.

In fact, the Trump Administration cited the UN body's anti-Israel obsession as a reason for withdrawing from it last year. Trump has also sanctioned the ICC, which he and his officials appropriately described as "corrupt and fatally politicized," as it frequently targets both Israel and the U.S. instead of the real criminals.

Please make the point when speaking with family, friends, colleagues—or in letters to the editor—that Navi Pillay has done nothing to promote peace. Yet, disgracefully, the Nobel Committee gave her the Peace Prize for doing just that. It would seem that not only is slandering Israel increasingly popular, it can also earn you one of the world's *formerly* most distinguished awards.

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. As you know, we at FLAME are constantly fighting to defeat our enemies' slanders against Israel. But I hope you agree that it's *just as important* for us lovers of Israel to spread the word about the amazing triumphs of Zionism. I believe that in addition to defending Israel from media and politicians' lies, we need also to help the world understand Israel's righteous cause and its power for good—we need as well to trumpet Israel's miraculous achievements. God knows, Americans will never learn about Israel's good deeds in mainstream media, like the *New York Times*, CNN or NPR! I believe we need to stand tall because of who the Jewish people are ... be proud of what Israel does for the world. For this reason, I hope you'll approve of FLAME's new *hasbarah*—our explanatory message called "**How Zionism's Miracle Benefits Us**"

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