PRIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU CALLS UN REPORT A "BLOOD LIBEL" AGAINST ISRAEL

On March 13, 2025, Israel's PM Netanyahu said: "The anti-Israel circus known as the UN 'Human Rights Council' has long been revealed as an antisemitic, rotten and irrelevant organization that supports terrorism. For good reason Israel decided to quit it approximately one month ago.

Instead of focusing on the crimes against humanity and the war crimes that were perpetrated by the Hamas terrorist organization in the worst massacre carried out against the Jewish People since the Holocaust, the UN has again chosen to attack the State of Israel with false accusations, including baseless accusations of sexual violence.

This is not a human rights council; it is a blood rights council."

Netanyahu was responding to the UN Human Rights Council clown show for issuing a report accusing the State of Israel for committing acts of genocide in Gaza, while once again ignoring Hamas' October 7, 2023 barbaric sneak attack on innocent Israeli and foreign citizens that resulted in the murder of 1200 people, kidnapping of 251 hostages, depraved sexual assaults against women of all ages, men and babies.

The report was drafted by the UN's Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, a body established by the UN Human Rights Council in 2021, following the conflict that year between Israel and Palestinian Islamic Jihad terrorists in the Gaza Strip.

The UNHRC's report also alleged that Israel "intentionally attacked and destroyed" Gaza's main fertility center by restricting the delivery of medication that ensures safe pregnancies and deliveries. The so called "Human Rights Council" charged it was a deliberate act to prevent Palestinian births.

The action by this UN body appears to have justified Israel's withdrawal from the Human Rights Council recently for ignoring Hamas' crimes against humanity committed on October 7th and instead singling out Israel with its false accusations stemming from the worst attack on Jews since the Holocaust.

Israel's Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar described the UN report as "one of the worst blood libels the world has ever seen. It accuses the victims of the crimes committed against them. Hamas is the organization that has committed horrific sexual crimes against Israelis on October 7. It is indeed a sick publication that only an antisemitic organization could produce."

Anne Herzberg, a U.N. representative for NGO Monitor said, "This latest report yet again reveals the U.N. Human Rights Council Commission of Inquiry against Israel as a main vector of atrocity denial and inversion. Since October 7, the COI [Commission of Inquiry on Occupied Palestinian Territory] has outrageously accused Israel of committing crimes against humanity in Gaza while refusing to say the same about Hamas. It also downplayed the mass sexual violence committed on October 7 against Israeli women and girls, while now issuing an entire report dedicated to defaming the IDF with the false claim of perpetrating systematic gender-based violence against Palestinians. Moreover, the COI has done zero advocacy to free the hostages, while just this week held another two

days of anti-Israel propaganda hearings. We hope the new U.S. administration will cut all funding to the U.N. bodies responsible for providing millions of dollars to this egregious

il Commission on October 7th Crimes by Hamas against Women and Children, an independent body that chronicles accounts of sexual violence against victims in Israel during



panel and that all countries of conscience will swiftly follow suit "

Daniel Meron, Israel's ambassador to the UN in Geneva, Daniel Meron, called the report "yet another example of the blood libel that actors within the UN perpetuate against Israel in a futile attempt to accuse it of acts that were never committed, while diverting attention from the war crimes of terrorist organizations and the states that support them. Instead of fabricating accusations, it is time for the UN to explicitly condemn Hamas for its actions and to expose in its discussions the horrific sexual violence committed against Israelis on October 7 and afterward "

The Permanent Mission of Israel to the UN in Geneva stated that the Commission of Inquiry "deliberately adopts a lower level of corroboration in its report, which allowed it to include information from second-hand single uncorroborated sources. This is inconsistent with established UN verification standards and methodologies."

The term "blood libel" refers to historic accusations that Jews in Europe used Christian blood for ritual purposes. Such accusations were known to foster deadly attacks on Jews. Yair Lapid, the leader of the opposition called the UN report "a sick, antisemitic document, disconnected from reality. The UN institutions in Gaza are the terror bases from which Hamas emerged to massacre Israeli civilians in their homes, to rape women, and burn babies alive." He added that the report was "a big white-washing attempt, motivated by ha-

Cochav Elkayam-Levy, who heads the Civ-

the Hamas attack, said the report follows the pattern of "efforts to create a false comparison between Israel and Hamas, especially in the context of sexual violence. Sadly, this pattern has repeated itself across various UN bodies since October 7th. This moral comparison is painful and wrong because its purpose is to establish false historical narratives and inflicts irreparable harm both on the victims and on justice. We have always believed in international institutions and the human rights system, but such conduct, which seeks to entrench false historical narratives, must end. We owe the truth to the victims."

Hagit Peer, president of Israeli women's rights group Na'amat, said the "outrageous report attempts to turn the victim into the aggressor. This report reeks of blatant antisemitism. There is an effort here to create an alternative and inverted reality regarding the sexual massacre carried out by Hamas against Israeli women and men, while international institutions remain deafeningly silent."

According to the report, in December 2023 Al-Basma IVF Centre, Gaza's main in-vitro fertility clinic was shelled by the Israeli military destroying around 4,000 embryos including all of the reproductive material the clinic was storing for use by Palestinian women for future conception, according to the facility's director who waited four months to speak. The report said that the destruction "was a measure intended to prevent births among Palestinians in Gaza, which is a genocidal act." Genocide was not mentioned as there is a much higher bar set for that to be proven.

In response to those allegations, the IDF reiter-

ated that it "does not deliberately target civilian infrastructure, including IVF clinics."

In the past claims by by the Hamas run health ministry greatly exaggerated the number of deaths in this conflict by at least one-third which included Hamas terrorists who were the prime targets. In addition the Ministry even blamed Israeli rockets for bombing a hospital when it was Hamas' own rockets causing the destruction. Not a single fact or figure provided by Hamas should ever be believed or accepted as truth by the public, and especially by the media.

The commission claimed it found no credible evidence that the building was used for military purposes.

How interesting that similar claims were made, and accepted as being truthful regarding the many hospitals and schools from which rockets were fired into Israel. And do not forget the extensive tunnel systems found underneath these same hospitals as well as evidence that Hamas terrorists used them as staging areas for their attacks on Israel. But none of this is ever mentioned by the UN commission who seem to search for evidence with blinders on, ears shut to differing opinions and brains malfunctioning.

Furthermore, the report said the wider harm to pregnant, lactating and new mothers in Gaza was on an "unprecedented scale," with an allegedly irreversible impact on the reproductive prospects of Gazans. Such underlying acts "amount to crimes against humanity" and deliberately trying to destroy the Palestinians as a group, the commission declared.

What about Hamas, and its many Palestinian supporters who sexually assaulted female victims on, and after, October 7 and deliberately tried to destroy the Israelis as a group? Were these not "crimes against humanity"?

The report came after the commission conducted public hearings in Geneva on March 11 sand 12, hearing from victims and witnesses of alleged sexual violence.

This report claimed that civilian women and girls were targeted directly by the Israeli military with "acts that constitute the crime against humanity of murder and the war crime of willful killing. Women and girls have also died from complications related to pregnancy and childbirth due to the conditions imposed by the Israeli authorities impacting access to reproductive health care, "acts that amount to the crime against humanity of extermination."

Claims are one thing, but dead Israeli men, women, children and babies is real, and were not a focus of this report, as it should have been. Rarely is there an action without a reaction, especially in the volatile Middle East.

The commission further purported that forced public stripping and nudity, sexual harassment including threats of rape, as well as sexual assault, comprise part of Israeli forces "standard operating procedures" toward Palestinians.

Unfortunately not only terrorists, but brainwashed Palestinians, be they children or adults, have had bombs wired to their bodies to blow up and kill as many Jews as possible, regardless of their own likely demise. That is a good a reason as any of suspected terrorists being stripped. One can not be too cautious in this regard and it is truly better to safe than sorry. Apparently the brilliant members of the commission never thought of that.