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## **The Role of NGOs in Supporting the International Criminal Court (ICC) Investigation**

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## Introduction

On May 20, 2024, Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) Karim Khan announced that he was seeking arrest warrants against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoav Galant, alongside three Hamas leaders.

This move is not unexpected. For well over a decade, Palestinian, Israeli, and international NGOs have pushed the ICC to investigate, indict, and arrest Israeli officials. This includes NGOs linked to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) terrorist organization, groups that deny Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state, and BDS supporters.

The tactic of “lawfare” was adopted at the NGO Forum of the 2001 Durban Conference as part of a broader “Durban Strategy” that seeks “a policy of complete and total isolation of Israel as an apartheid state.” The Final Declaration at the NGO Forum called for “the establishment of a war crimes tribunal” and other legal measures against Israel.

Since then, the NGO campaign has included meetings with the ICC Prosecutor and the submission of materials to the ICC, as well as extensive lobbying of governments and other international bodies to pressure the Prosecutor.

Two significant milestones preceded Khan's announcement. In January 2015, the ICC allowed the “State of Palestine” to join the Court and extend its jurisdiction to alleged crimes in the West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem. As Israel is not a member of the Rome Statute that formed the ICC, the Court has no jurisdiction over Israel. Therefore, Palestinian ascension was crucial to ICC steps against Israelis.

Second, in March 2021, then ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda, announced an investigation into alleged Israeli war crimes in the “State of Palestine.”

This campaign has been funded by the EU and a host of European governments, even as NGOs publicized their efforts to generate investigations of Israeli officials. The European Union, Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, and other European governments have provided tens of millions of dollars to anti-Israel ICC campaigns and lobbying. In some instances, the European funding was explicitly earmarked for NGO activities vis-à-vis the ICC, while other European grants have made reference to “international justice” and other coded phrases.

## Palestinian NGOs

### Addameer

- On October 19, 2024, Addameer, alongside 99 other NGOs, [sent a letter to ICC Prosecutor Karim Khan](#) calling on the Court to “urgently issue arrest warrants for the cases currently before your office; to investigate the crimes which have taken place and are being orchestrated across the occupied Palestinian territory since 7 October.”

- On December 8, 2022, Addameer hosted a side-event at the 21st Session of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court titled “[Equitable Access to Justice: The Case of Palestine](#).” This event was co-sponsored by the State of Palestine and South Africa, along with Al Mezan, PCHR, Amnesty International, INTLawyers, Defence for Children International - Palestine, Al-Haq, Open Society Foundations, and the International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University Rotterdam.
- In November 2022, Addameer, alongside Al Mezan, PCHR, the Civic Coalition for Palestinian Rights in Jerusalem, JLAC, Community Action Center—AlQuds University (CAC), and MIFTAH, endorsed a report published by Al-Haq titled “[Israeli Apartheid: Tool of Zionist Settler Colonialism](#).” The report called for the “Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court [to] expedite the current investigation into the Situation in Palestine without undue delay, including into war crimes and crimes against humanity, comprising, inter alia, the crimes of apartheid, population transfer, appropriation and destruction of property, pillage, persecution, wilful killing, murder, and torture carried out on the Palestinian territory.”
- In November 2022, Addameer and 197 other NGOs [sent a letter to the President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute](#) stating that “Israel’s unsubstantiated designations and its latest outrageous raid of Palestinian civil society offices appear to be an attempt by its apartheid authorities to conceal its crimes and to prevent the ICC from acquiring the information that has been collected by those organisations.”
- On November 28, 2022, Addameer and 197 other regional and international civil society organizations [sent an open letter](#) to the ICC Prosecutor Karim Khan urging him to “Investigate and Deter Israel’s Apartheid Regime.” According to the letter, “Though mindful of the Court’s limited resources and budgetary complications, as well as your office workload and challenges, we are compelled to stress that Palestinian victims deserve justice and require equal attention as in other situations...we will continue our cooperation with your office and our support of your investigation into the Situation in the State of Palestine.”
- In May 2022, Addameer [supported a submission](#) from Addameer [field researcher](#) and [lawyer](#) Salah Hamouri urging the ICC to “prioritize this investigation, with adequate resources and meaningful victim participation, with a view to moving towards the issuance of arrest warrants against those who bear the greatest responsibility for the long-running war crimes and crimes against humanity committed against Palestinian civilians – a protected population – without further delay.” Addameer General Director Sahar Francis stated, “The prolonged persecution Salah faces is a war crime and a crime against humanity under the Rome statute of the ICC.”
  - Hamouri was arrested in 2005 for “[attempting to assassinate Ovadia Yosef...and for his involvement with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine](#).” In an October 2011 statement, the PFLP referred to Hamouri as a “[comrade](#).” A 2009 [video](#) supporting Hamouri includes footage from PFLP rallies and a photo of him alongside notorious terrorists. In September 2022, the PFLP [identified](#) Hamouri as a PFLP member who had launched a hunger strike while in Israeli prison. In November 2022, Israel [stripped Hamouri of his Jerusalem residency status](#) and deported him to France.

- In January 2022, Addameer was a [signatory on a joint submission to the United Nations Special Rapporteur Michael Lynk](#) calling for the ICC to “Conduct a prompt, thorough, and comprehensive investigation of the crimes of apartheid and persecution, and other associated crimes that fall within the jurisdiction of the Court concerning the Situation in Palestine, and accordingly prosecute relevant perpetrators.”
- In April 2021, Addameer [launched a petition calling for the International Criminal Court](#) to “investigate crimes by the Israeli military judicial system as part of the Israeli apartheid regime, and further call for the end of prosecuting Palestinian civilians in Israeli military courts.”
- On April 22, 2021, Addameer together with 190 organizations [wrote a letter to the ICC](#) calling to “urgently include the imminent forced displacement of Palestinians from Sheikh Jarrah as part of the open investigation within the situation in the State of Palestine.”
- In February 2021, Addameer was a signatory on a policy paper titled “[United States Policy on Palestine: 2021 and Beyond](#),” accusing the United States of “obstructing international justice mechanisms, such as the International Criminal Court (ICC)” and of “threaten[ing] prosecution of ICC judges and prosecutors.”
- In March 2020, Addameer [submitted an amicus brief](#) to the ICC on behalf of Palestinian prisoners.
- In April 2015, on International Prisoners Day, Addameer [called on the ICC](#) to look into violations against Palestinian prisoners, claiming that “Israel is committing nothing short of a modern-day ethnic cleansing before our eyes; in the continuing quest for full annexation of Palestinian land and the expansion of Israel’s colonial frontier.”

### Funding to Addameer

- Addameer received [120,000 CHF from the Swiss government in 2018](#). According to the Swiss government contract, Addameer is expected to “follow up for the submission to the ICC, and to file a new report.”

Donor	Year/s	Amount
Ireland	2022	<a href="#">€80,625</a>
	2021	<a href="#">€81,000</a>
	2020	<a href="#">€81,000</a>
	2019	<a href="#">€80,625</a>
Switzerland	2020	<a href="#">CHF 135,763</a>
	2019	<a href="#">CHF 139,347</a>

Basque Government (Spain)	2019-2021	<a href="#">€799,362</a>
Autonomous community of Navarre (Spain)	2020	<a href="#">€120,000</a>
	2019	<a href="#">€158,486</a>
Municipality of San Sebastián (Spain)	2020-2022	<a href="#">€48,477</a>
	2019-2021	<a href="#">€50,000</a>

## Al-Dameer

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- Al-Dameer has [submitted various documents](#) to the International Criminal Court (ICC) alongside Al-Haq, Al Mezan and the Palestinian Center for Human Rights.
  - On February 6, 2021, following the [ICC Pre-Trial Chamber I](#) ruling that the Court has jurisdiction to investigate alleged war crimes in the Palestinian territories, Al-Dameer, alongside Al-Haq, Al-Mezan, and the Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR), [published a press release](#) stating, “...it is imperative that the Prosecutor include acts of apartheid in the scope of her investigation...The decision confirmed the State of Palestine... as a full and legitimate State Party to the Rome Statute, and the entirety of the oPt as within the scope of territorial jurisdiction for investigation into international crimes...” (emphasis added). The organizations stressed that they will continue their “tireless” cooperation with the ICC, having submitted “six substantial communications and thousands of eyewitness files to the Office of the Prosecutor...”

- In December 2017, Al-Dameer, [Al Mezan](#), [Al-Haq](#), and the [Palestinian Center for Human Rights](#) (PCHR) [submitted a communication](#) calling for the Prosecutor at the ICC to “open an investigation into the serious international crimes committed during the July-August 2014 Israeli military offensive.”
- On September 20, 2017, these NGOs submitted a “[substantive communication](#)” to the Prosecutor of the ICC alleging that “high-level Israeli civilian and military officials have committed war crimes and crimes against humanity in the occupied West Bank including East Jerusalem.”
- On November 22, 2016, delivered a submission to the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, “[Requesting Investigation and Prosecution of The Illegal Closure of the Gaza Strip.](#)” [Shawan Jabarin, Al-Haq director, claimed](#), “The ICC Prosecutor has a golden opportunity to bring an end to the suffering of the entire Palestinian population.”

### Funding to Al-Dameer

- In 2017-2019, Al-Dameer received [CHF 77,221](#) from Switzerland to “provide information and reports to the International Criminal Court on human rights violations committed by the IOF [Israeli Occupation Forces].”

Donor	Year/s	Amount
European Union	2016-2019	<a href="#">€446,482</a>
Switzerland	2020	<a href="#">CHF 11,740</a>

### Al-Haq

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Isaac Herzog, prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, defence minister Yoav Gallant and others” (emphasis in original).

- In October 2023, Al-Haq was a [signatory on a letter to ICC Prosecutor Karim Khan](#) to “Issue Arrest Warrants, Investigate Israeli Crimes and Intervene to Deter Incitement to Commit Genocide in Gaza.”
- In December 2022, Al-Haq [published an article welcoming the ICC Prosecutor Khan’s upcoming visit to Israel](#) and “stresse[d] the importance of this visit to Palestinian victims of Israel’s settler-colonial and apartheid regime who have been craving justice for decades.”
- On December 1, 2022, Al Haq General Director Shawan Jabareen participated in an event titled “[Palestine at the ICC: Justice Delayed is Justice Denied.](#)”
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- In November 2022, Al-Haq wrote a [legal briefing](#) on the killing of Shireen Abu Aqleh which was added as an addendum to a [complaint submitted to the ICC](#) by the journalist’s family.
- In September 2022, as a member of the Don’t Buy Into Occupation campaign, Al-Haq published joint a report calling on European governments to “[Fully cooperate with the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court \(ICC\)](#), in line with relevant obligations set forth in the Rome Statute and the Geneva Conventions; and express public support for the independence of the Court in its investigation into the Situation in Palestine, which could encompass private and corporate actors.”
- In July 2022, Al-Haq and Al Mezan [jointly condemned](#) Israel and the United States agreement to oppose the ICC probe in Palestine.
- In May 2022, Al-Haq [supported a submission](#) from Addameer [field researcher](#) and [lawyer](#) Salah Hamouri urging the ICC to “prioritize this investigation, with adequate resources and meaningful victim participation, with a view to moving towards the issuance of arrest warrants against those who bear the greatest responsibility for the long-running war crimes and crimes against humanity committed against Palestinian civilians – a protected population – without further delay.”



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- On May 23, 2022, Al-Haq general director Shawan Jabareen [participated in an event](#) titled “Palestine and the ICC Paralysis: Is Justice still Possible for Palestinians?”
- In May 2022, Al-Haq, PCHR, and Al Mezan [filed a submission](#) to the ICC prosecutor “providing a detailed description and analysis of the war crimes and crimes against humanity committed during the May 2021 Israeli military offensive against Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip.”
  - Shawan Jabareen stated that “The commission of these crimes needs to be seen in the context of Israel’s prolonged, belligerent occupation of the entire Palestinian territory, and of the widespread commission of systemic crimes against humanity, including apartheid, and grave war crimes.”
- In December 2021, at the 20th session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, Al Haq [hosted a side-event](#) with the State of Palestine titled “Obstructing Justice and Promoting Impunity: Israel’s Designation of Palestinian Civil Society Organisations as ‘Terrorist Organisations.’” The event discussed “Israel’s unlawful designations of the six Palestinian CSOs is only the last of a series of attacks part of its systematic and ongoing intimidation campaign, which aim to obstruct justice from being delivered to the Palestinian people.”
  - According to the event invitation, “Israel has been systematically silencing opposition to its widespread and systematic human rights violations and apartheid practices as a method to maintain its apartheid regime, and created a climate of fear and intimidation by using arbitrary detention, torture and other ill-treatment, collective punishment, racist hate speech and incitement to racial hatred, as well as smear and delegitimizing campaigns against human rights defenders “seeking to challenge its prolonged occupation, human rights abuses, and apartheid regime over the Palestinian people.”
- In September 2021, Al-Haq [sent a letter](#) to the UN permanent representatives of Ireland, Kenya, Mexico, Niger, and Norway urging cooperation between the ICC and the UN Security Council. The letter called for the state representatives to “Cooperate to promote and advance an agenda item on cooperation between the UNSC and the ICC throughout their presidency.”
- In March 2021, PCHR, Al-Haq, and Al Mezan Center [held a joint press conference](#) on developments with the ICC.



- Director Shawan Jabareen stated “that Israeli media campaigns and its attempts to intimidate Palestinians of the possibility of bringing Palestinians to the ICC should not deter us, as the one who commits war crimes, i.e. the occupation, is the one who should be concerned.”
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Denmark	2021	<a href="#">DKK 925,433</a>
	2019-2020	<a href="#">DKK 1,454,253</a>
European Union	2018-2021	<a href="#">€296,600</a>
Sweden	2023-2027	<a href="#">SEK 120 million</a> with 7 other partners. Unclear how much each NGO received.  <a href="#">\$8.1 million</a> project with 7 other partners. Unclear how much each NGO received
	2019-2021	
France	2020-2023	<a href="#">€900,000</a> with 17 other partners. Unclear how much each NGO received
Germany	2021-2024	<a href="#">N/A</a> with Adalah, BADIL, Defense for Children International - Palestine

Ireland	2022	<a href="#">€80,625</a>
	2021	<a href="#">€81,000</a>
	2020	<a href="#">€81,000</a>
	2019	<a href="#">€80,625</a>
Italy	2018-2020	<a href="#">€1,800,000</a>
Norway	2022	<a href="#">NOK 3.6 million</a>
	2019-2021	<a href="#">NOK 5.8 million</a>

### Al Mezan

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  - Issam Younis said, “Victims have already waited for too long. How much longer will Palestinians in Gaza need to wait, before the ICC holds Israeli officials to account?”
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- In March 2021, PCHR, Al-Haq, and Al-Mezan [held a joint press conference](#) on developments with the ICC.
  - Director Issam Younis said “Our cause is just, and the ICC is the last refuge for Palestinians. We cannot let the victims pay the price without accountability for those who committed the crimes against them.”

## Funding to Al Mezan

- In 2019, Al Mezan received [\\$244,756](#) from UN-OCHA’s “occupied Palestinian territory Humanitarian Fund” for “Monitoring and documentation of IHL and IHRL violations in the Gaza Strip.”
- In 2018, Al Mezan received a [200,000 grant from the Dutch government](#). According to the Dutch government funding contract, Al-Mezan is expected “to ensure that “information on IHRL [international human rights law] and IHL and violations in the oPt [occupied Palestinian territories] are disseminated locally and internationally.”

Donor	Year/s	Amount
European Union	2022-2023	<a href="#">€375.000</a>
	2017-2020	<a href="#">€449,997</a>
Sweden	2024-2027	<a href="#">SEK 120 million</a> with 7 other partners. Unclear how much each NGO received.
	2021	
	2020	<a href="#">SEK 26,000,000</a> for a project with Al-Haq, BADIL, DCI-P, B'Tselem, Breaking the Silence, Gisha and Yesh Din
Netherlands	2020	<a href="#">SEK 7,000,000</a> for a project with Al-Haq, BADIL, DCI-P, B'Tselem, Breaking the Silence, Gisha and Yesh Din
	2019-2022	<a href="#">€7.1 million</a> for a project with B'Tselem, Gisha, Breaking the Silence, BIMKOM, Yesh Din, Center for Human Rights , Society of St. Yves, The Palestinian Working Women Society for Development

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- In April 2022, PCHR [published a position paper](#) calling to the ICC prosecutor to “Respond Immediately to Escalating IOF War Crimes against Palestinians.” According to the paper, PCHR “witnessed immediate action from international actors, including the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC), to investigate allegations of war crimes against Ukrainian civilians; meanwhile, those same actors suffice with silence towards similar crimes committed by IOF over the course of decades against Palestinian civilians and their properties.”
- In March 2021, PCHR, Al-Haq and al-Mezan Center [held a joint press conference](#) on developments with the ICC.
  - PCHR director Raji Sourani said “that all three human rights organizations created a coalition to document war crimes committed by Israeli occupation forces during its military operation on the Gaza Strip in 2014 to hold the State of Israel accountable for its crimes before the International Criminal Court.”
- In February 2021, PCHR director Sourani [met with international delegations](#) from Switzerland, Spain, and the European Union to discuss “the importance of supporting the International Criminal Court’s (ICC) role in protecting human rights in the oPt.”
- In December 2020, PCHR director Raji Sourani [published in opinion piece](#) in Al Jazeera titled “The Palestinian case at the ICC is legal, not political” in which he claimed “Abandoned by the international community, unable to access any Israeli, foreign or international tribunal, and subjected to a cruel occupation, the fate of the Palestinian people is now more than ever tied to that of the ICC.”
- In March 2020, PCHR submitted [two amicus briefs](#) to the International Criminal Court.
- According to its [2019 annual report](#), “PCHR has worked restlessly for more than 11 years to reach the ICC, this work was intensified in the past 5 years after the Public Prosecutor announced opening a preliminary investigation [into Israel] in January 2015. Starting in 2020, PCHR will employ all its resources and energy in this trajectory, which will require us to coordinate on multiple levels” (emphasis added).

### Funding to PCHR

- In 2021, PCHR received \$194,255 from the UN OCHA occupied Palestinian territory Humanitarian Fund for “[Advocacy, monitoring and documentation of HR and IHL violations and related trends in the Gaza Strip and West Bank.](#)”
- In 2018, PCHR received [280.000 CHF grant from the Swiss government in](#) for “Conduct[ing] communications with the Office of the General Prosecutor of the ICC and other intrn’l litigation mechanisms.” (emphasis added) (On file with NGO Monitor)

Donor	Year/s	Amount
European Union	2023-2024	<a href="#">€475.000</a>
	2018-2020	<a href="#">€320,187</a>
Switzerland	2023	<a href="#">CHF 324,285.</a>
	2022	<a href="#">CHF 342,300</a>
	2021	<a href="#">CHF 276.000</a>
	2020	<a href="#">CHF 289,586</a>
	2019	<a href="#">CHF 334,971</a>
Ireland	2022	<a href="#">€80,625</a>
	2021	<a href="#">€81,000</a>
	2020	<a href="#">€81,000</a>
	2019	<a href="#">€80,625</a>
DanChurchAid (Denmark)	2019-2022	<a href="#">DKK 300,000</a>
Norway	2022-2023	<a href="#">NOK 4.7 million</a>
	2019-2022	<a href="#">NOK 7.3 million</a>
Andalucía Agency for International Development Cooperation (Spain)	2021-2022	<a href="#">€109,825</a>

## Israeli NGOs

### Adalah

- In October 2023, Adalah General Director Hassan Jabareen was a [signatory on a statement](#) calling on the “Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court to immediately intervene, to carry out the necessary investigations and invoke the necessary warning procedures to protect the Palestinian population from genocide.”
- In December 2022, Adalah was a signatory on a [joint letter to the ICC Prosecutor Karim Khan](#) stating that “We are all committed to assisting your office in advancing the ongoing investigation of the Situation in Palestine.”
- In October 2022, Adalah [published a press release welcoming the findings of the UN Commission of Inquiry](#) and writing that “We hope that the report will be adopted by the UN General Assembly and that it will lead to a swift response by the International Court of Justice and by the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court.”
- In March 2021, Adalah “[welcome\[d\] the opening of the International Criminal Court investigation.](#)” According to Adalah, “This decision confirms what Adalah has maintained for years: there is serious and grave suspicion that Israel is committing war crimes against the Palestinian people.”
- In December 2019, Adalah [applauded the decision of ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda to launch an investigation against Israel](#) stating that “the ICC prosecutor has made the right decision given the facts. No other decision could have been possible. We welcome her position, and we believe that the ICC has full jurisdiction to decide on the concerned criminal cases.”
  - Hassan Jabareen stated, “[It is ironic to see the Attorney General of Israel use the prolonged occupation of the Palestinian territories as an argument against Palestine’s rights of sovereignty and a shield against the Court’s jurisdiction,](#)” and called for “all States Parties and relevant stakeholders to cooperate with and support the Court.”

### Funding to Adalah

- In 2018-2022, the [New Israel Fund](#) (NIF) authorized grants worth [\\$792,524](#) to Adalah.

Donor	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Federal Department of Foreign	768,145		538,004	678,373	702,560



Affairs ( <a href="#">Switzerland</a> )					
<a href="#">Bread for the World-EED</a> ( <a href="#">Germany</a> )	529,909	237,710	446,091	341,473	575,652
European Union				414,115	295,728
Christian Aid (UK)	346,345	338,126	226,302	196,338	277,157
Broederlijk Delen	137,406	99,381			

### B'Tselem

- In December 2022, B'Tselem was a signatory on a [joint letter to the ICC Prosecutor](#) stating that “We are all committed to assisting your office in advancing the ongoing investigation of the Situation in Palestine.”
- On October 3, 2022, B'Tselem [wrote to the ICC](#) to “stop Israel from committing a war crime in South Hebron Hills.” According to the [submission](#), “Israel’s apartheid regime is forcing ‘1,000 or so Palestinian residents of the South Hebron Hills into a humiliating bare-bones existence...there are certain Israeli officials who are responsible for its current execution...the responsibility of top Israeli echelons for the criminal policies being currently applied in the South Hebron Hills is undoubted.”
- In June 2021, B'Tselem published an article titled “[Israeli prison guards beat bound Palestinian prisoners: Whitewashing highlights importance of ICC](#).” According to the article, “The Israeli apartheid regime is based on constant, organized violence against Palestinians that is crucial to its survival. Therefore, the regime is neither willing nor able to investigate, let alone prosecute, those who plan and execute this violence...The case proves, yet again, that Palestinian victims of violence by Israeli security forces cannot achieve justice via Israeli systems and can hope to do so only in an international court.”
- In April 2021, B'Tselem [welcomed the decision of the ICC to launch a formal investigation into alleged war crimes committed by Israel](#) in the “State of Palestine.” According to B'Tselem, “This is a long-awaited and a critically important step towards ensuring the rule of law and ending impunity, while ensuring accountability for Israel’s crimes within the jurisdiction of the Court.”
- On March 12, 2021, B'Tselem [published a position paper](#) titled “The Israeli Attorney General’s Memorandum: Everything the ICC is not Meant to be.” According to the policy paper, “Israel

not only refuses to accept the legitimacy of an ICC investigation, but also flouts its obligation to obey international law like every other state.”

- In a March 2020 mass email (on file with NGO Monitor), B’Tselem demanded that “The ICC can – and must – investigate the situation in Palestine....Israel may finally have to start considering the price for its crimes against the Palestinians. We hope the court will make the right decision to back the Prosecutor’s position and rule: there is jurisdiction, and there will be an investigation.”
  - B’Tselem also published a [press release](#) and [position paper](#) (March 12) that accused Israel of using the Holocaust to justify its policies vis-a-via the Palestinians, “the very values that the ICC is meant to safeguard – the values that the world has been trying to promote since the end of World War II, in response to the unspeakable atrocities committed during that dark chapter in history. With shameless cynicism, Israel is trying to use these very horrors to justify continued oppression, land grab and killings at its own hands.”
- In a [January 2020 Ha’aretz op-ed](#), Elad alleged that Israeli legal system “works to ensure impunity for Israeli security forces who kill, abuse or torture them [Palestinians].” He concluded that “For Palestinians, quite literally, the International Criminal Court is their court of last resort.” (emphasis added)
- In 2019, [B’Tselem welcomed](#) the findings of the ICC that the “opening of an investigation into alleged war crimes in the situation in Palestine is warranted” and “further appreciate the Prosecutor’s legal analysis that the Court has jurisdiction over the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and Gaza.”

**Funding to B’Tselem**

- In 2018-2022, the [New Israel Fund \(NIF\)](#) authorized grants worth [\\$1,460,917](#) to B’Tselem.
- In [2018–2019](#), B’Tselem received €184,800 from the [Netherlands](#). Among the activities supported by the Dutch funding is a “report on the role of the Israeli Supreme Court.”
  - According to [Dutch government documentation](#), “B’Tselem regularly refers to the Supreme Court as one of the main mechanisms that permits the ongoing occupation and human rights violations by granting judicial legitimacy to Israel’s policies.”

Donor	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<a href="#">Bread for the World (Germany)</a>		1,095,291	362,305	999,657	815,092	822,843
<a href="#">DanChurch Aid</a>		297,159	139,027	215,844	156,627	167,286

<a href="#">Norway</a>		314,406		542,849	198,771	307,988
<a href="#">Switzerland</a>	275,774	112,835	250,622	276,429	266,101	228,870
<a href="#">NGO Development Center (NDC)</a>		2,856,233	2,032,202	1,681,403	2,632,058	2,243,568
<a href="#">European Union</a>				357,823	233,314	363,949
<a href="#">Trocaire</a>		183,067	88,298	125,928	97,806	98,802
AECID (Spain)				19,644	39,570	19,926
Christian Aid Ireland			234,180	240,009	409,249	272,710
UNDP		2,453,699	2,865,420	675,912	935,479	522,150
ACPP (Spain)	40,589	122,282	43,704	74,888	19,035	14,401

## Breaking the Silence

- In February 2021, Breaking the Silence Executive Director Avner Gevaryahu published an article titled "[The best way to avoid an ICC probe: Don't commit war crimes.](#)" In the article, Gevaryahu alleged that "Military operation after military operation, Israel has ignored the black flag — a warning sign of immoral orders which ought to be defied — that flies over the rules of engagement dictated by its government cabinet and the IDF's top brass."
- In February 2021, Breaking the Silence [claimed](#) that right wing groups are using "absurd claims to turn human rights groups into scapegoats for the ICC's recent decision to investigate Israel."
- On February 2, 2021 Breaking the Silence [wrote on facebook](#) that "The ICC's ruling is just a symptom. The underlying problem is that the government has failed, not only by ignoring the warning signs, but also by continuing its immoral policy of entrenching the occupation & advancing de facto annexation on the ground."
- On [May 13, 2015, the Israeli news site Ynet reported that ICC Prosecutor Bensouda expressed a desire to utilize Breaking the Silence publications](#): "Bensouda said her office was trying to get a copy of the [Breaking the Silence] report 'to see how it can assist us in the preliminary examination phase'" in her review of the 2014 Gaza war.

### Funding to Breaking the Silence

- In 2018-2022, the New Israel Fund (NIF) authorized grants worth [\\$3,434,497](#) to Breaking the Silence.
- In 2018, the Dutch government granted [€191,840](#) to Breaking the Silence.
  - In 2018, the Dutch government published project information regarding this grant. One of the [objectives](#) was efforts to encourage “diaspora Jewish communities to voice their opposition to the occupation.” Breaking the Silence was also to use Dutch funds to “increase opposition in the international arena to Israel’s prolonged occupation of the oPt” through challenging “key international public figures...to respond.”

Donor	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<a href="#">AECID</a> (Spain)				56,526	99,996	135,745
<a href="#">Broederlijk Delen</a> (Belgium)	45,728	154,789	114,994	240,310		160,927
<a href="#">CAFOD</a> (United Kingdom)	92,600	181,300		173,738	89,212	94,402
<a href="#">DanChurch Aid</a> (Denmark)	96,143	275,409	203,208	258,739	236,922	276,789
<a href="#">European Union</a>		762,341	124,797	1,251,869	389,256	452,980
<a href="#">Switzerland</a>		778,521	595,354	826,369	599,074	402,538
<a href="#">Trocaire</a> (Ireland)		221,774	51,759	144,070	117,381	119,087
UNDP	458,577	1,913,287	1,332,315	736,842	632,374	516,480
NGO Development Center (NDC)		1,216,091	1,167,561			

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## Yesh Din

- In December 2022, Yesh Din was a signatory on a [joint letter to the ICC Prosecutor](#) stating that “We are all committed to assisting your office in advancing the ongoing investigation of the Situation in Palestine.”
- In a December 2022, [following Al Jazeera submitting a brief to the ICC regarding the death of Shireen Abu Akleh](#), Yesh Din “welcomed Al Jazeera’s move” and stated that “From the first moment, Israel’s conduct has shown that the only way to get to the bottom of the Shireen Abu Akleh case is to open an independent international investigation that will lead to a fair, effective and justified probe of the incident.”
- In May 2022, Yesh Din [released a data sheet](#) on “ Law enforcement against Israeli soldiers suspected of harming Palestinians, 2019-2020 summary” and cited the reason for this report as being “spearheaded by the announcement of the International Criminal Court (ICC) on the investigation of suspected war crimes allegedly committed by the State of Israel under the auspices of its control in the OPT.”
- In February 2021, Yesh Din [welcomed the decision of the ICC to launch a formal investigation into alleged war crimes committed by Israel in the “State of Palestine.”](#) According to Yesh Din, “As an Israeli organization working to defend the human rights of Palestinians in the Occupied Territories, particularly with respect to law enforcement, we lament the Israeli policies and practices that have resulted in this preventable low point. At the same time, we are convinced that given Israel’s ongoing failure to investigate suspected breaches of the laws of war and occupation, an international investigation is unavoidable, and, therefore, welcome the decision of the ICC.”

## Funding to Yesh Din

- In 2018, Yesh Din received €170,000 from the Netherlands.
  - According to the [grant agreement](#), Yesh Din is expected to ensure that the “Issue of impunity of ISFP [Israeli security forces personnel] in cases of offences committed against Palestinians in the West Bank and in Jerusalem remains on international agenda and in discussions between GOI [Government of Israel] and foreign government representatives. Increased international awareness on systemic impact of law enforcement failure for Palestinian communities, forcible home entries and the human rights situation in the West Bank and in Jerusalem (emphases added).
- Yesh Din has also obtained European government funding to bolster its narrative that Israel does not properly investigate wrongdoing. The EU provided [€150,000 to a 2011-2013, €234,000 project Yesh Din undertook](#) “To change Israeli policy vis-a-vis criminal

accountability of Israeli Security Forces Personnel in the occupied Palestinian Territories, in such a way that acknowledges and takes into account the severity and the different nature of War Crimes, as distinguished from regular, domestic crimes” (emphasis added). From 2012-2018 [Ireland provided the NGO with NIS 2.7 million](#) for a series of projects, [including those devoted to investigating Israeli law enforcement and the IDF](#).

- In 2018-2022, the [New Israel Fund \(NIF\)](#) authorized grants worth [\\$634,071](#) to Yesh Din.

Donor	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<a href="#">Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)</a>	687,397	695,745	650,060	920,505	502,230
<a href="#">Norway</a>	158,349		307,587	398,540	452,654
<a href="#">Switzerland</a>	206,928		321,925		
Sweden		197,848			
NGO Development Center	953,296	1,611,635	1,206,955	1,456,274	
<a href="#">European Union</a>	556,094		144,422		424,736
<a href="#">Ireland</a>	411,720	280,551	282,050		309,479
UNDP	775,615	802,374	280,382	712,598	864,875
CAFOD (UK)			194,484	150,266	
<a href="#">Germany</a>				775,323	
France	297,169			193,050	

## International NGOs

### Amnesty International

- In October 2023, Amnesty [called on the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court](#) to “Urgently expedite its ongoing investigation in the situation of Palestine, examining alleged crimes by all parties, and including the crime against humanity of apartheid against Palestinians.”

- In November 2022, Amnesty and 197 other NGOs [sent a letter to the President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute](#) stating that “Israel’s unsubstantiated designations and its latest outrageous raid of Palestinian civil society offices appear to be an attempt by its apartheid authorities to conceal its crimes and to prevent the ICC from acquiring the information that has been collected by those organisations.”
- In October 2022, Amnesty published a “[research briefing](#)” calling for the ICC to “investigate unlawful attacks committed during Israel’s August 2022 assault on the Gaza Strip as war crimes.” The briefing also called for the ICC to “Consider the applicability of the crime against humanity of apartheid within the current formal investigation of crimes under international law committed in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT) since 13 June 2014.”
- In a July 2022, Amnesty published an article titled “[The ICC at 20: Double standards have no place in international justice](#)” expressing its “concern[] that the court and its principals have largely remained silent on the situation in Palestine and other investigations, in contrast to the publicity they have given to the Ukraine situation.”
- In February 2022, Amnesty published a report titled “[Israel’s Apartheid against Palestinians: Cruel System of Domination and Crime against Humanity](#)” calling on the ICC to “Consider the applicability of the crime against humanity of apartheid within the current formal investigation of crimes under international law committed in the OPT since 13 June 2014.”
- In an April 2021 [article in +972 magazine](#), Amnesty is quoted as saying “all states who claim to support universal and non-selective international justice have a shared interest in supporting the ICC to exercise its jurisdiction over the situation in Palestine.”
- In March 2021, Amnesty welcomed the decision of the ICC to launch a formal investigation into alleged war crimes committed by Israel in the “State of Palestine.” According to Amnesty, “The [ICC investigation provides the first genuine prospect for thousands of victims of crimes under international law to gain long overdue access to justice, truth and reparations](#). It also offers a historic opportunity to finally put an end to the pervasive impunity that has driven serious violations in the Occupied Palestinian Territories for more than half a century.”

## Human Rights Watch

- In October 2023, HRW [sent a letter to the ICC Prosecutor](#) to “issue urgently a public statement regarding the mandate of the International Criminal Court (ICC) as to the current hostilities between Palestinian armed groups and Israel.”
- In October 2023, HRW published an article titled “[Countries Should Back ICC Investigation on Israel-Palestine](#).”
- On May 20, 2021, HRW [published an article](#) claiming that Israeli attacks during the May 2021 conflict “may amount to war crimes and highlight the importance of the International Criminal Court’s (ICC) ongoing investigation of Israeli and Palestinian conduct.”



- In March 2021, following the Court's decision to launch a formal investigation into alleged war crimes committed by Israel in the "State of Palestine," then Executive Director Ken Roth [tweeted](#), "The International Criminal Court wouldn't need to investigate Israeli and Palestinian war crimes if Israeli and Palestinian authorities had been prosecuting their own war criminals. They haven't been. At all."
- On February 11, 2021 HRW [published an article](#) condemning Australia for condemning the ICC probe on Israel: "Instead of undermining the ICC, Australia should voice its support for the court, protect its independence, and stop trying to block a Palestine investigation."

### International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH)

- In November 2023, FIDH passed a [resolution](#) headlined, "Israel's unfolding crime of genocide and other crimes in Gaza and against the Palestinian People." The resolution called on the ICC to "immediately issue arrest warrants for Israeli officials responsible for international crimes against Palestinians, and expand the scope of the investigation to not only include war crimes, but crimes against humanity, and the crime of genocide."
- In October 2023, FIDH was a [signatory on a letter to ICC Prosecutor Karim Khan](#) to "Issue Arrest Warrants, Investigate Israeli Crimes and Intervene to Deter Incitement to Commit Genocide in Gaza."
- In November 2022, FIDH and 197 other NGOs [sent a letter to the President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute](#) stating that "Israel's unsubstantiated designations and its latest outrageous raid of Palestinian civil society offices appear to be an attempt by its apartheid authorities to conceal its crimes and to prevent the ICC from acquiring the information that has been collected by those organisations."
- On November 28, 2022, FIDH and 197 other regional and international civil society organizations [sent an open letter](#) to the ICC Prosecutor Karim Khan urging him to "Investigate and Deter Israel's Apartheid Regime." According to the letter, "Though mindful of the Court's limited resources and budgetary complications, as well as your office workload and challenges, we are compelled to stress that Palestinian victims deserve justice and require equal attention as in other situations...we will continue our cooperation with your office and our support of your investigation into the Situation in the State of Palestine."
- In September 2022, as a member of the Don't Buy Into Occupation campaign, FIDH jointly published a report calling on European governments to "[Fully cooperate with the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court \(ICC\)](#)", in line with relevant obligations set forth in the Rome Statute and the Geneva Conventions; and express public support for the independence of the Court in its investigation into the Situation in Palestine, which could encompass private and corporate actors."
- On June 10, 2022, FIDH and the Public Committee Against Torture in Israel (PCATI) presented a [joint communication](#) to the Office of the Prosecutor of the ICC calling for alleged "Israeli war

crimes against Palestinian detainees... [to] be investigated by ICC Prosecutor.” The NGOs also stated that “We [remain at the OTP’s disposal](#) for any request concerning access to evidence.”

- In May 2022, together with the Center for Constitutional Rights, FIDH [filed a submission](#) from Addameer [field researcher](#) and [lawyer](#) Salah Hamouri urging the ICC to “prioritize this investigation, with adequate resources and meaningful victim participation, with a view to moving towards the issuance of arrest warrants against those who bear the greatest responsibility for the long-running war crimes and crimes against humanity committed against Palestinian civilians – a protected population – without further delay.”
  - According to FIDH, “we urge the ICC Prosecutor to take active and concrete investigative steps in order to break the cycle of impunity for perpetrators of war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in Palestine, including East Jerusalem.”
  - Hamouri was arrested in 2005 for “[attempting to assassinate Ovadia Yosef...and for his involvement with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine](#).” In an October 2011 statement, the PFLP referred to Hamouri as a “[comrade](#).” A 2009 [video](#) supporting Hamouri includes footage from PFLP rallies and a photo of him alongside notorious terrorists. In September 2022, the PFLP [identified](#) Hamouri as a PFLP member who had launched a hunger strike while in Israeli prison. In November 2022, Israel [stripped Hamouri of his Jerusalem residency status](#) and deported him to France.
- On March 24, 2022, FIDH “Welcom[ed] the decision of the International Criminal Court (ICC) to recognise the jurisdiction of the court in the OPT, as well as the ongoing investigation by the ICC into violations of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court committed during the occupation of the Palestinian territory by Israel.”
- On April 22, 2021, FIDH together with 190 organizations [wrote a letter to the ICC](#) to support the Sheikh Jarrah families calling to “urgently include the imminent forced displacement of Palestinians from Sheikh Jarrah as part of the open investigation within the situation in the State of Palestine.”
- In 2019, [FIDH welcomed](#) the findings of the ICC that the “opening of an investigation into alleged war crimes in the situation in Palestine is warranted” and “further appreciate the Prosecutor’s legal analysis that the Court has jurisdiction over the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and Gaza.”

### Funding to FIDH

Donor	<a href="#">2022</a>	<a href="#">2021</a>
Bread for the World- EED	€396,765	€109,328
European Union	€6,011,774	€1,946,682
Ireland	€650,367	€181,314

France	€6,175,525	€159,340
Netherlands		€321,017
Sweden	€3,348,320	€1,456,735

## European NGOs

### Rights Forum

- In October 2023, the Rights Forum was a [signatory on a letter to ICC Prosecutor Karim Khan](#) to “Issue Arrest Warrants, Investigate Israeli Crimes and Intervene to Deter Incitement to Commit Genocide in Gaza.”
- In November 2022, the Rights Forum and 197 other NGOs [sent a letter to the President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute](#) stating that “Israel’s unsubstantiated designations and its latest outrageous raid of Palestinian civil society offices appear to be an attempt by its apartheid authorities to conceal its crimes and to prevent the ICC from acquiring the information that has been collected by those organisations.”
- On November 28, 2022, the Rights Forum and 197 other regional and international civil society organizations [sent an open letter](#) to the ICC Prosecutor Karim Khan urging him to “Investigate and Deter Israel’s Apartheid Regime.” According to the letter, “Though mindful of the Court’s limited resources and budgetary complications, as well as your office workload and challenges, we are compelled to stress that Palestinian victims deserve justice and require equal attention as in other situations...we will continue our cooperation with your office and our support of your investigation into the Situation in the State of Palestine.”
- In September 2022, as a member of the Don’t Buy Into Occupation campaign, jointly published a report calling on European governments to “[Fully cooperate with the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court \(ICC\)](#)”, in line with relevant obligations set forth in the Rome Statute and the Geneva Conventions; and express public support for the independence of the Court in its investigation into the Situation in Palestine, which could encompass private and corporate actors.”
- In August 2022, the Rights Forum was a [signatory on a letter](#) calling for the “international community to take action against Israel for targeting Palestinian human rights organisations.” According to the letter, “The Netherlands, as host country of the ICC, has an additional responsibility to ensure that civil society organisations, individuals and states can continue to provide the ICC with evidence and information.”

- In November 2021, the Rights Forum was a signatory on a letter to the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs condemning the [decision by the Israeli Ministry to designate six Palestinian NGOs](#) as terrorist organizations. The letter called for the EU to “[clearly reject the Israeli allegations and question their legitimacy](#), publicly renew your confidence in these human rights organisations, which are doing remarkable and indispensable work on the ground... [and] publicly and financially support the action of the ICC including the case for Palestine.”
- On April 22, 2021, the Rights Forum together with 190 organizations [wrote a letter to the ICC](#) to support the Sheikh Jarrah families calling to “urgently include the imminent forced displacement of Palestinians from Sheikh Jarrah as part of the open investigation within the situation in the State of Palestine.”
- In March 2021, the Rights Forum Director Gerard Jonkman [celebrated the ICC’s decision on territorial jurisdiction over Palestine](#) stating, “War crimes cannot go unpunished...it is crucial that perpetrators are held accountable and brought to justice. And that the victims of the crimes, in this case mainly Palestinians, but also Israelis, receive satisfaction.”

## Diakonia – Sweden

- In December 2023, Diakonia published a [legal brief](#) calling on the ICC to “investigate all alleged crimes within the Court’s jurisdiction and prosecute those responsible, expeditiously.”
- In a May 2021 [legal brief](#), Diakonia recommended for all parties of the conflict to “cooperate with the ICC in the investigation of the Situation in Palestine” and for all states that are not parties to the conflict and to the international community to “cooperate with the ICC in the investigation of the Situation in Palestine, as required; and provide diplomatic and public demonstration of support of the mandate of the ICC and the Office of the Prosecutor’s investigation of the Situation in Palestine.”
- In April 2021, Diakonia [published an ICC FAQ page](#) on their website in reference to the ICC investigation into Palestine. They also [published a report](#) titled “The ICC Investigation of the Situation in Palestine.”
- On December 14, 2021, Diakonia [hosted a webinar](#) titled “Shrinking Space: International Law and the Clampdown on Civil Society in Israel-Palestine” which was moderated by Diakonia legal expert Eitan Diamond. Panelists on the webinar included Sahar Francis, general director of Addameer. On the webinar, lawyer Michael Sfard said in reference to the Israeli designation of Palestinian NGOs as terror affiliated organizations that such NGOs are “considered a “strategic threat” for the Israeli right’s annexationist project” and “The timing of the designations coincided with important developments before the ICC, including the formal opening of an investigation into the Situation in Palestine and the appointment of a new Prosecutor. Without a forceful, sustained international response, the designations may serve as a blueprint for authoritarian governments around the world on how to successfully silence

critics and civil society, particularly those that seek to engage with the international human rights system.”

- On June 17, 2021, Diakonia [hosted a webinar](#) titled “What good can international humanitarian law deliver for Palestinians?” Panelists included Human Rights Watch program director Sari Bashi, general director of Adalah Hassan Jabareen and Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territories S. Michael Lynk.
  - Italian Lawyer Chantal Meloni discussed the limitations of the ICC investigation of Israel due to “the protracted nature of the proceedings, the narrow scope of alleged crimes that have so far been flagged for investigation (alleged war crimes, but not crimes against humanity like apartheid), and significant political pressures threatening to distort the proceedings.”
  - Sari Bashi argued that “the apartheid framework is more effective than IHL at capturing the nature of the regime of institutionalized domination that Israel imposes on Palestinians.”

### Funding to Diakonia

Donor	<a href="#">2022</a>	<a href="#">2021</a>	<a href="#">2020</a>
Sweden	SEK 184.1 million	SEK 176.2 million	SEK 191.1 million
Swedish Embassy	SEK 174.3 million	SEK 177.5 million	SEK 254.3 million
European Union	SEK 32.7 million	SEK 33.7 million	SEK 36.4 million

### European Legal Support Center (ELSC)

- In October 2023, ELSC was a [signatory on a letter to ICC Prosecutor Karim Khan](#) to “Issue Arrest Warrants, Investigate Israeli Crimes and Intervene to Deter Incitement to Commit Genocide in Gaza.”
- In November 2022, ELSC and 197 other NGOs [sent a letter to the President of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute](#) stating that “Israel’s unsubstantiated designations and its latest outrageous raid of Palestinian civil society offices appear to be an attempt by its apartheid authorities to conceal its crimes and to prevent the ICC from acquiring the information that has been collected by those organisations.”
- On November 28, 2022, ELSC and 197 other regional and international civil society organizations [sent an open letter](#) to the ICC Prosecutor Karim Khan urging him to “Investigate and Deter Israel’s Apartheid Regime.” According to the letter, “Though mindful of the Court’s limited resources and budgetary complications, as well as your office workload and challenges, we are compelled to stress that Palestinian victims deserve justice and require

equal attention as in other situations...we will continue our cooperation with your office and our support of your investigation into the Situation in the State of Palestine.”

- In September 2022, as a member of the Don't Buy Into Occupation campaign, jointly published a report calling on European governments to “[Fully cooperate with the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court \(ICC\)](#), in line with relevant obligations set forth in the Rome Statute and the Geneva Conventions; and express public support for the independence of the Court in its investigation into the Situation in Palestine, which could encompass private and corporate actors.”
- On May 23, 2022, ELSC [promoted](#) an [event](#) titled “Palestine and the ICC Paralysis: Is Justice still Possible for Palestinians?” This event featured Raji Sourani (Palestinian Centre for Human Rights), Roger Waters (Pink Floyd), Shawan Jabareen (Al-Haq), Delphine Carlens (FIDH), and Issam Younis (Al Mezan) as panelists.
- On April 22, 2021, ELSC together with 190 organizations [wrote a letter to the ICC](#) to support the Sheikh Jarrah families calling to “urgently include the imminent forced displacement of Palestinians from Sheikh Jarrah as part of the open investigation within the situation in the State of Palestine.”
- In April 2020, ELSC was a [signatory on a letter to International Criminal Court Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda](#), stating it is “Time to Investigate Crimes in Palestine, Time for Justice” and calling for “perpetrators of war crimes and crimes against humanity committed in Palestine must be held accountable.”

## EuroMed Rights

- In October 2023, EuroMed Rights was a [signatory on a letter to ICC Prosecutor Karim Khan](#) to “Issue Arrest Warrants, Investigate Israeli Crimes and Intervene to Deter Incitement to Commit Genocide in Gaza.”
- On April 15, 2022, EuroMed [posted on Twitter](#): “Expressing concern is insufficient to guarantee Palestinians' human rights. Dismantling Israeli systemic oppression and dispossession of Palestinians is an urgent take. EU & its Member States must support accountability mechanisms, incl. ICC investigation #EndImpunity.”
- On March 30 2021, Executive Director Rasmus Alenius Boserup [published an article](#) in the euobserver titled “The ICC probe into Palestine: where is the EU?” He wrote “The recent opening of an investigation by the International Criminal Court into the situation in Palestine provides a unique opportunity for the EU to hold Israel accountable for crimes committed in the occupied Palestinian territory” and “While the EU has publicly supported ICC proceedings in the vast majority of third countries under investigation, Palestinian proceedings at the ICC in their entirety, from the Palestinian Authority's accession to the Rome Statute in 2015 to the opening of the investigation by the prosecution, have been met by the EU with indifference at best and rejection at worst.”



- In March 2021, EuroMed Rights welcomed the decision of the International Criminal Court (ICC) to [launch a formal investigation](#) into alleged war crimes committed by Israel in the “State of Palestine.” According to EuroMed Rights President Wadih Al-Asmar “[Today is an important day for international justice in the Euro-Mediterranean region](#). After decades of systematic impunity and international neglect of the thousands of Palestinian victims of the most egregious crimes, the Court has officially embarked on the road to justice, accountability and reparations for victims in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.”
  - EuroMed Rights Executive Director Rasmus Alenius Boserup [called](#) on the “EU and its Member States to strongly support the ICC’s legitimacy from the escalating threats to its independence and mandate, and provide effective and decisive protection to Israeli and Palestinian human rights defenders and potential witnesses in the face of ongoing cases of smear, harassment and intimidation.”
- In April 2020, EuroMed was a [signatory on a letter calling to support the International Criminal Court \(ICC\)](#) and encouraging ICC state parties to “cooperate with...any possible investigation into the situation in Palestine.”
- In September 2018, [EuroMed Rights was a signatory on a letter to International Criminal Court \(ICC\) Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda, calling to open an investigation](#) as the “situation in Palestine is rapidly deteriorating and war crimes and crimes against humanity are allegedly frequently committed to entrench Israeli control over Palestinian territory and the Palestinian people” and there is a need to “prosecute and convict perpetrators, including high-level officials of war crimes and crimes against humanity.”

### Lawyers for Palestinian Human Rights (LPHR) – UK

- In February 2021, LPHR director Tareq Shrourou [published an article](#) titled “ICC is the only realistic forum for justice on Gaza” in the biggest legal magazine in the UK, the Law Society Gazette. He wrote, “The recurrent alleged serious violations that have egregiously harmed thousands of civilians in Gaza over the years without distinction - men and women, boys and girls, the elderly and people with disabilities - must be met with an effective accountability deterrent that only the avenue of the International Criminal Court can realistically provide at this time.”
- On April 22, 2021, LPHR together with 190 organizations [wrote a letter to the ICC](#) to support the Sheikh Jarrah families calling to “urgently include the imminent forced displacement of Palestinians from Sheikh Jarrah as part of the open investigation within the situation in the State of Palestine.”
- In April 2021, LPHR [condemned the British Prime Minister's](#) statement rejecting ICC jurisdiction over Israel: “the Prime Minister’s statement sets a wholly dangerous precedent by the UK, that may impact victims of grave crimes and threatens the viability, objectives, and the future of the court itself.”



- In May 2021, LPHR [submitted a joint statement](#) to the Australian Centre for International Justice to the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's (DFAT) calling for "The Australian Government [to] support the investigation and prosecution of international crimes committed as part of the Situation in Palestine at the International Criminal Court and commit to fully cooperate with the Office of the Prosecutor of the ICC, in line with Australia's international law and domestic legal obligations."
- In July 2020, LPHR and Al Mezan [submitted a statement](#) to the ICC calling to "include 2014 attacks within the scope of her pending investigation."