

Israel Revokes UN Humanitarian Coordinator's Visa for 'Not Condemning Hamas'

Tel Aviv has consistently taken aim at the UN for its alleged 'anti-Israel' stance, citing comments against the ethnic cleansing campaign unfolding in the Gaza Strip

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Israel's **Foreign Minister Eli Cohen** announced on 5 December the state's decision to revoke the resident visa of UN humanitarian coordinator **Lynn Hastings**.

"We will no longer be silent in the face of the bias of the UN!" the foreign minister said via social media. "I decided to revoke the residence visa to Israel of the UN humanitarian coordinator Lynn Hastings."

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democratic country that protects its citizens, cannot serve in the UN and cannot enter Israel!” Cohen’s social media statement continued.

The Israeli foreign minister’s remarks came on the heels of comments made by Hastings, in which she voiced concern for the Palestinian people after Israel resumed indiscriminate attacks on residential neighborhoods, hospitals, and UN shelters.

“Nowhere is safe in Gaza, and there is nowhere left to go,” Hasting’s [statement](#) read. “The conditions required to deliver aid to the people of Gaza do not exist. If possible, an even more hellish scenario is about to unfold, one in which humanitarian operations may not be able to respond.”

Israel’s UN envoy, **Gilad Erdan**, had also voiced his [condemnation](#) of the organization’s view regarding the war between Israel and Palestinian resistance.

“There is no justification or point in talking to those who show compassion for the most terrible atrocities committed against the citizens of Israel and the Jewish people. There are simply no words,” Erdan said on social media.

Cohen had also voiced his [displeasure](#) in October to a UN-fronted ceasefire despite Hamas being open to such a resolution.

“We reject outright the [UNGA]’s despicable call for a ceasefire,” Israel Foreign Minister Eli Cohen said. “Israel intends to eliminate Hamas just as the world dealt with the Nazis and ISIS.”

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