

# Gaza Versus The Hague: The ICJ Failed Again - A Case of “Political Correctness”?

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*The 17-judge panel of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) today (26 January 2024) found South Africa’s assertion that Israel is committing genocide “plausible.” This would indicate that South Africa won the case.*

Unfortunately, a closer look is much less optimistic. It shows again a hesitant judgment the ICJ, despite all indications for massive and brutal genocide. The judgment is weak and close to meaningless, when it comes to safe future Palestinian lives.

First, the ICJ accepted that South Africa had jurisdiction in this case, because “some things that South Africa has alleged are certainly taking place and fall within the definition of the UN Genocide Convention of 1948.” See [this](#).

Al Jazeera summarized the ICJ’s ruling as follows:

- The court says it has jurisdiction to rule in the case.
- The court orders Israel to take measures to prevent acts of genocide in the Gaza Strip, must report back in one month.
- The court says Israel must prevent and punish incitement to genocide.
- The court says Israel must allow humanitarian aid into the Strip.
- The court obliges Israel to take more measures to protect Palestinians but does not order it to end military operations in the Strip.

The Court evidently did not go far enough. What good does it do to “allow humanitarian aid and prevent the deaths of innocent citizens”, if Israel is permitted to continue killing hundreds if not thousands of innocent and defenseless Palestinians.

The Court did not rule an immediate ceasefire or a ceasefire at all - nor did it issue a request for Peace negotiations.

Of course, Israel would not have obeyed such a ruling, nor would the staunch supporters of Israel have stopped encouraging Israel's "self-defense" killing, but it would have sent a message to the world, namely that ICJ is not afraid to fall "politically unpopular" judgments, and that Israel and genocide would be enshrined in Israel's short 75-year history.

PM Netanyahu's and Co's argument of "self-defense", justified by "We are genocide victims" are the arguments of psychopaths. The extent of the Israeli atrocious and merciless killing of Palestinians, shows the truth to the world.

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Ahead of the judgment the South African Foreign Minister, Naledi Pandor, had this to say:

"The three letters 'ICJ' were not known to many people in South Africa until the case was filed". And "Our aim was and is to highlight the plight of the innocent in Palestine" and "draw attention to the lack of justice and freedom."

She added that regardless of success or failure, *"the real analysis and judgment is going to be on the court itself."* [See this from RT](#) 26 January 2024.

The Israeli government does not accept the ICJ ruling, ordering preventing the genocide of the Palestinian people. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared that the very claim that Israeli is committing genocide is *"not only false, it's outrageous."*

Where does this judgment leave the war?

Unless the western support will falter rapidly, both morally and by monetary and weapon deliveries - perhaps because of some ethics that the Court's decision may have awoken - Israel's brutal genocide is likely going to continue.

PM Netanyahu, practically from day one, anticipated that this would be a long war, intimidating that it was not just a war of retaliation for an [Israeli / Western planned] Hamas attack on Israel on 7 October 2023, but it was a war to conquer over the coming years much of the Middle East and its riches, by gradually establishing "The Greater Israel", which would include 100% of Palestine, 100% Jordan, 100% of Lebanon, 70% of Syria, 50% of Iraq, 33% of Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the Nile. Netanyahu would, of course, not say this, but it was implicit.



To top it off, since about 1984, Israel has a ten Agorot coin, said to depict on its backside a map of Greater Israel.

The sign on the coin could also resemble the ancient kingdom of Babylon in 539 BCE.

The 10 Agorot coin is one of the New Israeli Sheqel (NIS) coin series, also known as simply the Israeli shekel (sign: ₪, code: ILS). Israeli agorot and shekel are the currency of Israel.



The depiction on the coin is full of controversy. Some Israeli say that the picture of this new coins was taken over from the original *sheqel* – and that, indeed, it represented Israel’s aspiration of expansion towards a Greater Israel. Israelis are proud of carrying “Greater Israel” in their pockets. See [this](#).

Without speaking much about it, most Israelis support the war against Gaza / Palestine, as it is supposed to pave the way towards Greater Israel. No time horizon is given to achieve this goal.

However, a Greater Israel would be one of the resources richest nations in the world, especially in terms of hydrocarbons. It would also include the trillion-plus cubic feet of gas discovered in the 1990s off shore of Gaza, belonging today to Palestine.

Back to the 26<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 weak ICJ judgment. It leaves room for Israel to pursue her course towards the Greater Israel, which is no doubt in the interest of the west. Having an almost endless supply of oil and gas from a secure source, Israel, would allow the west breaking any ties with Russia and the Arab world for energy supply.

It also shows clearly the symbiotic relationship between Israel – an artificial western (UK) Zionist invented country, an interdependence that serves primarily those who created Israel in the first place and, on the other hand, gives Zionist Israel the *grandeur* of the Chosen People, plainly anchored in their bible, the Torah.

To get there, much bloodshed would be the course of the conquest. This MUST be avoided by sensible people, and here is where an International Court of Justice – one that is neutral, not responding to any commands from globalist leaders, might and would have significant influence, by appealing to the conscience of those supporting the genocide.

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