

Iran to launch legal action against Israel over Gaza

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TEHRAN, Jan. 26 (Xinhua) — Iran's Attorney General Ghorbanali Dorri Najaf Abadi said on Monday that Iran was going to launch a legal action against Israel over Gaza issue, Iran's satellite Press TV website reported on Monday.

"Iran will host an international meeting to review the legal aspects of the Gaza war in preparation for the prosecution of war criminals," Dorri Najaf Abadi said, adding that "the meeting would be held in March."

The international event will study ways to bring those who committed war crimes during the 22-day Israeli war to justice, he said.

Earlier in January, Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad demanded a trial of Israeli leaders.

Ahmadinejad, during his address on Jan. 16 to an emergency Arab summit on Gaza held in the Qatari capital Doha, urged the international court of justice to prosecute Israeli leaders for "war crimes" in Gaza.

"It is the most essential that Israel's political and military leaders stand trial for the acts of genocide they have committed against Palestinians," he was quoted as saying by Press TV.

Iran never hesitated to pronounce its all-out support for Hamas during the three-week unprecedented Israeli air and ground offensive on Gaza, which left over 1,400 Palestinians killed and some 5,500 others wounded.

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