

Suspend Israel from the United Nations!

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For most normal people, seeing war criminal Benjamin Netanyahu — the man commanding the ONGOING genocide campaign in Gaza — would send them into a fit of rage. U.S. lawmakers, however, rose to their feet with roaring applause to celebrate the slaughter of innocent civilians, mostly women and children, when Netanyahu addressed Congress on July 24. On top of the countless crimes Netanyahu committed in recent months, just last week, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ruled that Israel’s occupation of Palestine is illegal under international law. How can U.S. lawmakers celebrate a man committing the most reprehensible crimes in recent human history?

U.S. support for the current genocide has been crystal clear for nearly ten months; that’s why CODEPINK was already outside Congress with thousands of others protesting Netanyahu’s visit before it even started. The police reacted as they typically do, with pepper spray, beatings, and arrests. For two days before his address to Congress, we marched through the Capitol building with a depiction of Netanyahu in handcuffs. We protested outside the hotel he was hiding at to show that the war criminal’s presence repulses the American people. Our lawmakers have gone beyond failing us, and we know the only chance of holding this genocidal maniac accountable is by taking action ourselves.

Imperialist nations are not omnipotent, even when they band together. In 1974, the UN General Assembly suspended South Africa from participating in its work after unrelenting international pressure, even though the U.S. and other Western nations objected. That international isolation forcibly dismantled apartheid in South Africa, and we will do the same in Palestine. We will keep the pressure on until Palestine is free from the river to the sea!

The groundwork has already been laid out for us since the ICJ established a ruling on Israel’s illegal settlements in Palestine. That means, even if the ICJ’s ruling on Israel is “nonbinding,” the UN General Assembly can vote to suspend Israel and send the genocidal state into international isolation. The U.S. and other imperialist nations have no veto power over this vote. We can achieve this win and add to the metaphorical toolbox of “tarakum”[1] that equips our liberation movement for its impending victory!

[Sign the Petition to the UN General Assembly Now!](#)

Once the petition has enough support, our team in New York will deliver it to the UN Missions there! Netanyahu and Congress can sit in a literal echo chamber to affirm their support for genocide all they want. Still, I promise you, the power of the thousands of people outside and the millions of people across the globe standing with the people of Palestine will prevail. That is an inevitable outcome.

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Note

[1] Tarakum is Arabic for “accumulation.” Tarakum in the movement for Palestinian Liberation refers to the accumulation of knowledge, strategies, and tools, often acquired by resisting oppression, which will be used to liberate Palestine from the Zionist colonial regime.

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