

Western Governments Complicit in Crimes against Humanity. “Israel has the Right to Defend itself” Says Trump

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This week, 61 killed and over 770 wounded: Palestinian civilians were targeted by IDF snipers with live ammunition.

Not a single Western country has so far ordered the expulsion of Israeli diplomats in protest over the mass killings of Palestinian civilians by IDF snipers.

A crime against humanity under international law is casually dismissed.

Double standards is an understatement: Flashback to early March 2018. When the Skripal affair broke out in the U.K., the Kremlin was accused without evidence of poisoning double agent **Peter Skripal** and his daughter Yulia, with the deadly novichok nerve gas.

Pressured by London and Washington, more than twenty Western countries ordered the expulsion of more than 100 Russian diplomats. In the meantime the Skripals have fully recovered. Nobody was killed.

In contrast, following the Gaza massacre, not a single Israeli diplomat has been expelled from the member states of the European Union.

Western allies expel scores of Russian diplomats over Skripal attack

US orders expulsion of 60 officials as succession of EU states announce similar moves



▲ Sergei and Yulia Skripal were poisoned with the nerve agent novichok in Salisbury. Photograph: Social media

More than 20 western allies have ordered the expulsion of dozens of Russian diplomats in response to the nerve agent attack in the UK, in a show of solidarity that represents the biggest concerted blow to Russian intelligence networks in the west since the cold war.

“Israel has the right to defend itself”, says US Secretary of State **Mike Pompeo**.

No UN member “would act with more restraint than Israel has.” said US Ambassador to the UN **Nicki Halley**.

The lie becomes the truth. These statements are tantamount to an endorsement of crimes against humanity by the self-proclaimed “international community”.

And the corporate media applauds. Palestinians are tagged as terrorists.

While the Skripal affair was the object of extensive (invariably biased) coverage largely with a view to upholding Theresa May’s baseless accusations against Russia, the reports pertaining to the Gaza killings largely uphold the notion that “Israel has the right to defend itself”.

The broader issue of crimes against humanity under international law is barely mentioned. What we are facing is the political acceptance of the Gaza massacre which is tantamount to the criminalization of the Western governments which represent us.

'Israel has a right to DEFEND itself' – Donald Trump blames HAMAS for Gaza deaths

DONALD Trump has blamed Palestinian group Hamas for the “tragic deaths” of almost 60 people who were killed in violent clashes, as he relocated the Israeli embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

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Here are the the names of some of the 61 Palestinians killed by IDF snipers, who, according to Donald Trump have been attacking Israel. They happen to be children. An eight months old baby was targeted.

- 1. Laila Anwar Al-Ghandoor, 8 months old**
2. Ezz el-din Musa Mohamed Alsamaak, 14 years old
3. Wisaal Fadi Ezzat Alsheikh Khalil, 15 years old
4. Ahmed Adel Musa Alshaer, 16 years old
5. Saeed Mohamed Abu Alkheir, 16 years old



From left: Ahmed Alrantisi, Laila Anwar Al-Ghandoor, Ahmed Altetr, Alaa Alkhatib Ezz el-din Alsamaak, Motassem Abu Louley (screengrab)

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