

The Honorable Amb. Samantha Power
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Via Fax

Dear Ambassador Power,

We are outraged over the remarks by Richard Falk, the UN Human Rights Council's permanent investigator of Israel's violations of the principles and bases of international law, which were broadcast multiple times yesterday and today by *Russia Today* to a global TV audience, and are now being played on the Internet.

Using his imprimatur as a top UN official, Mr. Falk made the grievously false accusation that Israel is targeting Palestinians with "*genocidal*" intent:

RT: "The UN's special rapporteur on human rights warns 'the world is slouching towards nothing less than a Palestinian Holocaust.' Professor Richard Falk thank you very much for joining us. Why is this behavior actually genocidal?"

Professor Richard Falk, UN human rights rapporteur: "When you target a group, an ethnic group, and inflict this kind of punishment upon them, you are in effect nurturing a kind of criminal intention that is genocidal."

(The scurrilous program is available at <http://rt.com/shows/the-truthseeker/nukes-middle-east-genocide-269/>.)

When Falk accuses Israel of acting with genocidal intent and perpetrating a "Holocaust," it is only follows logically that—as he did in a recent blog post—he will also justify violence against Israelis, berating "demands by Israel that Palestinians renounce violence" while Israel "sustains a structure of occupation and oppression."

Because Mr. Falk is accountable only to the U.S. and its fellow Council members, we trust that you will condemn Mr. Falk's odious warrant for terrorism. UN Watch also urges you to demand that the Council remove Falk, and his unjust mandate, which, as you know, examines only one side, and prejudicially presumes guilt in advance.

Sincerely,



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(See Falk at p.3 below.)

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Israel ruled guilty of genocide; the nuclear elephant in that region; and the "armies" recruited to doctor Wikipedia.

Seek truth from facts with leading war crimes prosecutor Professor Francis Boyle, Asia Times correspondent Pepe Escobar, top saxophonist and former Israeli citizen Gilad Atzmon, and UN human rights rapporteur Professor Richard Falk.

Watch live on RT:

Sunday December 15 at 04:45, 08:45, 12:45, 16:45, 20:45 GMT.

Monday December 16 at 00:45 GMT.

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RT: *Who has nuclear weapons in the Middle East and is threatening to use them. Coming up.*

Announcer: Benjamin Netanyahu revealing what he really thinks about America.

The world's top war crimes prosecutor tells us why he helped convict Israel for genocide.

And Wikipedia becomes a battlefield as lobbies try to rewrite history.

RT: *The Kuala Lumpur war crimes commission on November 26 found Israel guilty of genocide against the Palestinians. The tribunal states that consistent evidence it heard from eyewitnesses concluded since 1948 there have been:*

Mass killings through air and naval strikes, forced expulsion from Israel of hundreds of thousands of Palestinian survivors, massacres of those who refused to leave, and the continued seizure of Palestinian lands for Jewish settlements. Some public roads in Israel itself are for Jews only. Non-white Jews are also officially discriminated. Blood banks refuse to accept blood from Ethiopian Jews.

Use against Palestinian civilians of illegal white phosphorus, which the tribunal notes "tears out the insides of human bodies." Land and sea blockades of Palestinian territory, leading to a state of "siege and imprisonment" of the entire nation. Denial of food and drinking water, the stealing of Palestinian water resources, and hundreds of checkpoints on Palestinian lands that create "impossible" conditions of life.

Some see the War Crimes Tribunal as a highly controversial body, and question its authority and legitimacy. We asked Israel's Foreign Ministry for a response. This was their summary:

Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Distorting historical reality by calling Israel's actions "crimes" is an insult to intelligence. There is no siege on Gaza, but a naval blockade had been declared in accordance with international law.

RT: *However, The Independent reports that top Israeli officials are on the*



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record admitting a premeditated intention.

Rabbi Eli Yishai, former Israeli interior minister: The goal is to send Gaza back to the Middle Ages.

Gilad Sharon, IDF reserve forces major and son of ex-Prime Minister

Ariel Sharon: We need to flatten all of Gaza. The Americans didn't stop with Hiroshima, they hit Nagasaki too.

RT: *Unaware he's being filmed, Israel's prime minister reveals he wants to inflict "unbearable" pain on Arabs, and claims he's manipulating America.*

Benjamin Netanyahu, Israeli prime minister: The main thing is to hit the Arabs so painful that it will be unbearable. The world will say we're defending. America is something that can be very easily moved.

RT: *Without urgent action, the UN's report finds that Gaza will be "unlivable" by 2020.*

Ynet news reports that Israel repeatedly bombs Gaza's only power station.

When treatment plants ran out of fuel last week, thousands of liters of raw sewage again ran in Gaza's streets.

Al Jazeera report: It's not flood waters which this man is struggling to walk through, but human waste and sewage.

Gaza resident: Even our children, if they want to go to school or to the shops, we're forced to carry them. We've become sick and have trouble breathing and new skin diseases emerging because of this situation.

RT: *The past year, says Israeli Defense Force Brigadier Michael Edelstein, "was a great one." Retaliation rocket attacks from Gaza on settlements have stopped, he notes. Yet Israel's reciprocal pledge to help Gaza hasn't been kept, writes The Economist.*

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