

Tel Aviv Moves to Block Release of United Nations Report on Israeli War Crimes



Tel Aviv, June 15 (RHC)-- Tel Aviv seeks to prevent the release of the findings of a UN investigation into Israeli war crimes against Palestinians in Gaza, with the prime minister of the regime labeling such a move as a "waste of time."

Addressing Israeli ministers on Sunday, Benjamin Netanyahu claimed that "whoever wants a baseless automatic accusation against Israel can waste their time reading the UN report."

The UN Human Rights Council (HRC) is due later in June to publish the findings of the probe into Tel Aviv's war crimes during the latest Israeli military aggression against the blockaded Gaza Strip in the summer of 2014.

The remarks by Netanyahu signal Tel Aviv's attempt to preempt the release of the findings, which was postponed in March. The Israeli premier also blamed the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas for civilian casualties in the Gaza war.

On Sunday, Israel issued its own report on the latest war, defending its crimes against the people of Gaza. The report cites Western leaders who have expressed support for the military action. It also claims that Israel did its utmost to avoid civilian casualties in the war.

Tel Aviv has boycotted the HRC investigators. The regime took a similar action when the council probed its 2008-9 war on Gaza. Israel was accused of war crimes after the previous inquiry.

Meanwhile, Palestinians rejected the findings of the Israeli report on the 2014 war, saying Israel is trying to clear itself of the crimes it committed during the 50-day aggression.

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