

Palestine Submits Files of Israeli War Crimes to International Criminal Court



The Hague, June 26 (RHC)-- Palestinian officials say they have submitted files of Israeli war crimes to the International Court of Justice at The Hague. On Thursday, Palestinian representatives delivered to the tribunal dossiers on the Israeli war on Gaza, the regime's illegal settlement construction in the occupied territories as well as the treatment of Palestinian prisoners in Tel Aviv's custody.

The files were prepared by a 45-member committee, appointed in February by President Mahmoud Abbas, and chaired by Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) negotiator Saeb Erekat. Nabil Abu Zneid, the Palestinian ambassador to the Netherlands, said earlier the documents describe in detail the Israeli breaches of international law in Gaza and the West Bank.

The files also explain the ongoing Israeli occupation policies and illegal settlement construction across the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem. The new documents will help the ICC to open a full-scale investigation with a view to pressing crime charges against senior Israeli regime officials.

Senior Palestinian officials said they had reached an agreement with the prosecutors on a date for them to make a visit to Palestinian lands, without announcing an exact date. They said it depends on their

ability to enter Palestinian territory without problems from Israeli occupation forces.

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