

Lawyer Says Palestine Can Sue Israel at International Criminal Court



The Hague, August 15 (RHC)-- A French lawyer says there are still legal channels to prosecute Israel for its war crimes in Gaza at the International Criminal Court (ICC) after Palestine's initial case was rejected last week, Press TV reports.

Gilles Devers had filed a case at the ICC on behalf of Palestine in late July following Israel's attacks on Gaza, but the case has been rejected.

The lawyer noted that the Palestinian case has gathered even more strength on two main issues over the past two months. He told reporters: "Firstly, as the latest events of June and July this year show the indiscriminate killings have had terrible effects on civilians. We all know that the Israeli army which came to attack the tunnels has destroyed vast infrastructures and 85 percent of the victims in Gaza are civilians. Ninety-five percent of Israeli losses are military losses, clearly showing the imbalance."

The attorney noted that "the second point is that the military operation has been conducted with the aim of colonization and it used the method of blockade," pointing out that "the ICC defines both colonization and blockade as war crimes."

Gilles Devers expressed his confidence that sooner or later the ICC will have to judge Israel's war crimes in Gaza.

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