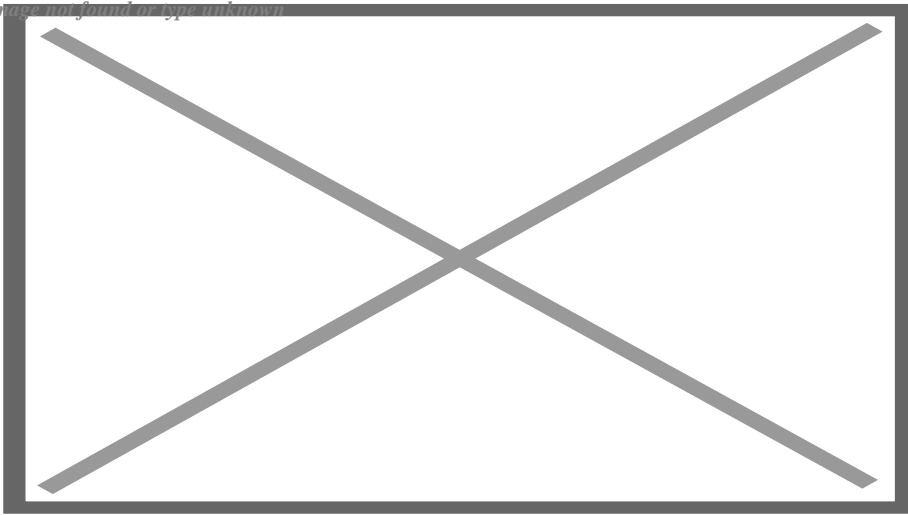


Israel accused of using aid as weapon of war at opening of ICJ hearing

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The Hague, April 29 (RHC)-- On Monday, the International Court of Justice began a five-day hearing on Israel's obligations to provide aid to Gaza.

Palestinian envoy Ammar Hijazi accused Israel of using humanitarian aid as "weapons of war."

Ammar Hijazi said: "That's really the heart of why Palestine and over 40 other states are addressing the court today. It is not about the number of aid trucks Israel is or is not allowing into the Occupied Palestinian Territories, especially Gaza. It is not about Israel destroying the — it is about Israel destroying the fundamentals of life in Palestine while it blocks U.N. and other humanitarians from providing lifesaving aid to the population. It is about Israel unraveling fundamental principles of international law, including their obligations under the U.N. Charter. It is about Israel turning Palestine, and particularly Gaza, into a mass grave for Palestinians and those coming to their aid."

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