



### [The Largest Authority on Genocide Declares That Israel is Committing Genocide in Gaza](#)

Earlier this week, the International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGS) passed a resolution which formally declared that Israel's policies and actions in Gaza meet the legal definition of genocide set forth in international law. IAGS, the leading global authority on the matter, stated that 86% of its voting members supported the resolution outlining the Israeli government's systematic and widespread crimes against humanity, war crimes, and genocide – consisting of forced displacement, starvation, and indiscriminate and deliberate attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure. Observers have noted the significance of the declaration given that it affirms what many have already been saying about Israel's actions in Gaza, while also providing a definitive proclamation from the foremost experts in the field of genocide studies. Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Doctors Without Borders, and even leading Israeli rights groups such as B'Tselem and Physicians for Human Rights have all previously concluded that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza. Israel also faces an ongoing genocide case at the world's highest court, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), which was brought forth by South Africa but has since seen many additional countries express support for or join the case including Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ireland, Spain, and Turkey – among others.

In reaching its overwhelming consensus on the genocide declaration, IAGS cited Israel's deliberate and unprecedented number of attacks against medical workers and journalists, the targeting of civilians and destruction of civilian infrastructure, the repeated forcible displacement of Gaza's population, and the killing or injuring of tens of thousands of children. The group also highlighted the growing acknowledgement of a man-made famine in Gaza, as humanitarian agencies and expert organizations have asserted that the catastrophic conditions and starvation are directly caused by the actions of the Israeli military. A recent August 2025 report from the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) officially declared that famine was taking place in Gaza, and that the crisis was undoubtedly a man-made one. Rights groups have documented the undeniable evidence of systematic starvation through Israel's destruction of food, water, and health systems in Gaza, while at the same time obstructing humanitarian aid. Thus, this systematic behavior and the use of starvation as a weapon of war are further proof of genocidal intent.

On top of the actions of Israeli forces, the IAGS resolution also references statements by high-level Israeli government officials as evidence which supports its declaration. These include Israeli government leaders, war cabinet ministers, and senior army officers who have made direct statements outlining an "intent to destroy" and characterizing Palestinians in Gaza as a whole as "enemies" and "human animals." The IAGS experts and scholars drew attention to Israeli officials' support for the widely condemned Trump Gaza takeover plan as well, with members of the Israeli government using it as a means to advocate for the expulsion of all Palestinians from Gaza – something that represents a blatant call for the genocidal crime of ethnic cleansing. Israeli ministers such as Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich have repeatedly pushed for this, and to many analysts, these types of statements demonstrate the underlying motivations behind the relentless bombardment of Gaza.

The formal declaration that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza by the world's principal authority on the study of it has not only validated what other entities have been saying since the early stages of the Gaza War, it also marks a landmark assessment that adds to the universal denunciation of Israel's actions. As IAGS President Melanie

O'Brien pointed out, the resolution is a definitive statement from experts in the field of genocide studies that what is taking place on the ground in Gaza is in fact a genocide by all internationally established definitions and characteristics of the crime. With this latest and most significant declaration, it is clear that this sentiment has now become widespread among prominent scholars and issue experts.