United Nations Human Rights Council’s Anti-Israel Bias

The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) is lead by oppressive countries that violate their citizens’ human rights. UNHRC excessively and unfairly targets Israel -- the only free democracy in the Middle East -- while ignoring actual human rights abuses.

UNHRC falsely accuses Israel of human rights abuses, holding the only Jewish state to a different standard.

- The now internationally condemned Goldstone Report, a UN fact finding mission on the 2008 Gaza War, inaccurately reported that Israel was guilty of war crimes during Operation Cast Lead. Even the author of the report, Judge Richard Goldstone, renounced it in 2011.\(^1\)
  - In reality, the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) consistently works to protect human life:
    - The IDF drops leaflets written in both Arabic and Hebrew to inform citizens of upcoming bombings,\(^2\) even at the risk of sacrificing the element of surprise when targeting terrorists.
    - The IDF utilizes the roof-knocking strategy, which entails sending a harmless warning missile near or above a targeted area to inform civilians to evacuate.\(^3\)
    - The IDF uses drones to ensure that civilians have evacuated military targets.\(^4\)
  - UNHRC Resolution S-21 accuses Israel of committing “violations of international human rights” in Gaza. There was never a formal investigation carried out to corroborate this claim.\(^5\)
    - In reality, Israel is the largest contributor of humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip, providing food, medicine, and humanitarian services.\(^6\)
  - Both the Goldstone Report and UNHRC Resolution S-21 fail to condemn US-designated terrorist group Hamas’ violence against Palestinian Arabs and Israelis.\(^7\)
    - Since Hamas violently took control of Gaza in 2007, it has continuously terrorized both Palestinian Arabs and Israelis.\(^8\)
    - Hamas violated international law by using Palestinian Arab civilians as human shields, storing their weapons in schools, hospitals, and mosques.\(^9\)
    - Hamas admitted to murdering 160 Palestinian Arab children through child labor in 2014.\(^10\)
      - Hamas ordered these children to build terror tunnels, which allowed Hamas militants to enter Israel and murder Jewish civilians.\(^11\)
    - Hamas’ founding document calls for the extermination of all Jews.\(^12\)

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5. Ibid.
13. Ibid.
Since 2000, Hamas has killed at least 1,400 Israelis, primarily civilian men, women, and children.\(^5\)

UNHRC constantly targets Israel in resolutions, unfairly singling out the world’s only Jewish state.

- Half of UNHRC’s human rights condemnations have been anti-Israel.\(^6\)
  - 68 out of 135 condemnations have targeted the only Jewish state.\(^7\)
- Israel is the only country permanently on UNHRC’s agenda (Item 7).\(^8\) This deliberate targeting of the only Jewish state is not only unfair, but purposefully discriminatory.
- The US State Department’s definition of anti-Semitism includes comparing Israeli policy to that of the Nazis.\(^9\) The UNHRC “Special Rapporteur for the Palestinian Territories,” Michael Lynk, engaged in such hate speech prior to his appointment; the UN still granted him this position.\(^10\)

UNHRC is made up of corrupt, oppressive countries that abuse their citizens with no repercussions, which delegitimizes the entire “human rights” organization.

- Members of the council include, but are not limited to: Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Cuba, China, Russia, and the United Arab Emirates.\(^11\)
  - Saudi Arabia is listed by the U.S. State Department as the worst human-rights offender in 2016,\(^12\) and has murdered thousands of civilians in Yemen.\(^13\)
    - When added to the UN Secretary-General’s “List of Shame” for “killing and maiming children and attacking...hospitals,” Saudi Arabia and its allies manipulated the UN into removing it from the list.\(^14\)
  - By allowing member countries to abuse their power, a dangerous precedent is set; human rights violators can get away with their mistreatment of civilians by banning together to manipulate the UN.
    - Qatar is the largest state sponsor of Hamas.\(^15\)
    - Cuba beats and imprisons its citizens for publicly criticizing the government.\(^16\)

The UNHRC replaced the corrupt UN Human Rights Commision, which was shut down in 2006 due to its oppressive members and political bias; ironically, it was a discredited, untrustworthy organization, just as its successor UNHRC is today.\(^17\)

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\(^6\) The Times of Israel. After UNHRC Adopts 5 anti-Israel Resolutions, UK Vows to Oppose All Future Such Moves. March 24, 2017.
\(^7\) Ibid.
\(^8\) Ibid.
\(^9\) Ibid.
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