

# *The US leaves the UN Human Rights Council*

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Washington, June 20 (RHC)-- The Trump Administration continues severing its ties with United Nations bodies, and its latest departure is from the UN Human Rights Council.

The announcement was made at the State Department in Washington on Tuesday by the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Nikki Haley, alongside Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

Among several reasons, Haley cited what she described as “chronic bias” against Israel.

The move has received international condemnation and was described by Zeid Raad al-Hussein, the UN high commissioner for human rights, as "disappointing, if not really surprising"

The announcement comes a month after a Council vote to probe killings of Palestinians in Gaza, and just a day after Ra'ad al-Hussein denounced the Trump administration for separating migrant children from their parents.

Since Trump took office, the United States has quit the UN cultural agency UNESCO, cut UN funding and announced plans to quit the UN-backed Paris climate agreement.

The Administration also withdrew from the Iran nuclear deal.



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