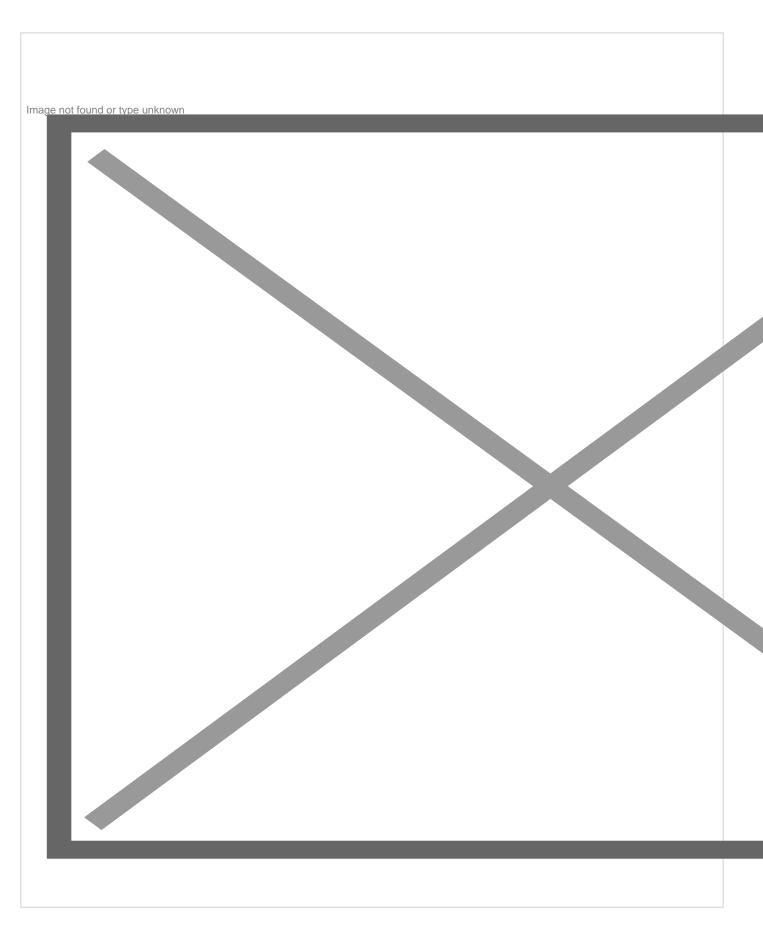
## South Africa files ICJ lawsuit against Israel over genocidal acts



The Hague, December 30 (RHC)-- South Africa has instituted proceedings against Israel at the International Court of Justice over the regime's "genocidal" onslaught on Gaza, which has so far killed over 21,000 Palestinians. The lawsuit says Israel's actions are "genocidal in character because they are intended to bring about the destruction of a substantial part of the Palestinian national, racial and ethnical

group".

"The acts in question include killing Palestinians in Gaza, causing them serious bodily and mental harm, and inflicting on them conditions of life calculated to bring about their physical destruction," the lawsuit said.

The application said Israeli attacks breach the UN's Genocide Convention, and urged the court to "order Israel to cease killing and causing serious mental and bodily harm to Palestinian people in Gaza."

The South African government and people have long expressed their total commitment to the cause of the Palestinean people and have repeatedly condemned the Zionist war machine.

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