

# *Israel picks purported American rapist as defense lawyer at ICJ in Gaza case*

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**American lawyer Alan Dershowitz**

Tel Aviv, January 5 (RHC)-- A purported rapist lawyer will likely defend the Israeli regime at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague against allegations of genocide in the besieged Gaza Strip.

South Africa filed an 84-page suit against Israel at the ICJ on December 29, asking the top UN court to urgently declare that the regime has breached its responsibilities under international law since October 7th, when it launched its genocidal campaign in Gaza.

Barak Ravid, the political reporter at Axios, has revealed that American lawyer Alan Dershowitz, 85, will likely defend the case for Israel. "Israeli officials say [Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu wants Alan Dershowitz to represent Israel at the @CIJ\_ICJ hearing next week about South Africa's accusation that it is conducting genocide in Gaza," Ravid said on X.

Often referred to as Israel's "attack dog," Dershowitz in 2004 alleged that the top court was "founded" on discrimination, only because it had ruled that the Israeli-built "Separation Wall" was erected "contrary to international law."

Dershowitz, among others, has defended sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein. This is while a federal judge in New York last month ordered the identities of more than 150 people mentioned in court documents related to the crimes of Epstein to be released.

One of the victims said Epstein trafficked her to Dershowitz for sex at least six times, beginning when she was only 16 years old.

A long-time friend and advisor of Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu, Dershowitz also defended convicted rapist Harvey Weinstein, a disgraced Hollywood producer who was arrested and charged with rape in New York back in May 2018, and was finally found guilty of two of five felonies in February 2020.

South Africa says Israel has violated its obligations under the Genocide Convention, stressing that it "has engaged in, is engaging in and risks further engaging in genocidal acts against the Palestinian people in Gaza."

The top UN court will hear a case on Israel's genocidal acts in the besieged Gaza Strip next week. South Africa will present its arguments on January 11, while Israel is set to counter on January 12th.

Israel has killed at least 22,000 people, mostly women and children, in Gaza since early October.

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