

*Former UNRWA spokesman says
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Chris Guinness comments about UK policy shift after 3 British vets were killed in April this year by Israeli military forces.

Geneva, June 16 (RHC)-- Chris Guinness, the former spokesman for the UN agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA), said the Israeli military's inclusion on a UN "blacklist" of countries that harm children will increase the country's isolation and further diminish its international standing.

"This is the ultimate list of shame that Israel has been put on because the killing of children breaks the ultimate taboo," Guinness told Al Jazeera.

"Some of the groups and countries on this list include Boko Haram, ISIS [ISIL], al-Qaeda, Russia, Myanmar. This puts Israel in a list of some of the most appalling regimes and groups in the world," Guinness said. " Hamas and Islamic Jihad are also there, including, by the way, Israeli settlers for the things they are doing in the West Bank."

"Given the totality of what we are seeing in terms of accountability mechanisms: We've got the ICJ – the International Court of Justice – the International Criminal Court. We have reports coming up from the Human Rights Council. I think as things build up, so the isolation and pariah status of Israel will be continual, and continually reaffirmed," he said.

"I think that will have consequences as people see the totality of what is going on," he added.

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