

New reports reveal U.S. deliberately ignored warnings and approved plans by Israel to attack aid convoys one year ago



Washington, October 7 (RHC)-- A senior Pentagon official warned the White House last October that Israel's plan to uproot more than a million Palestinians from their homes in Gaza would be a humanitarian disaster and could violate international law, leading to war crime charges against Israel.

That's according to Reuters, which reports the warning came in an October 13th e-mail -- just days after Israel began its latest genocidal ethnic-cleansing operation. The warning to the White House came from Dana Stroul, then the deputy assistant secretary of defense for the Middle East.



Dana Stroul, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of defense for the Middle East, speaks to reporters at a media roundtable in Kuwait City (Yasser Al-Zayyat/AFP via Getty Images)

Stroul wrote that an assessment by the Red Cross predicting a “humanitarian catastrophe” from Israel’s mass expulsion order had left her “chilled to the bone.” Despite those concerns and similar dire warnings from the State Department’s Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, the White House expedited the transfer of weapons to Israel, including thousands of precision-guided missiles and 2,000-pound bombs.

Meanwhile, Drop Site News is reporting Secretary of State Antony Blinken last October signed off on a plan by Israel to bomb trucks bringing humanitarian aid into Gaza. Blinken’s approval came after he joined an emergency meeting of Israel’s war cabinet at the Israeli military’s headquarters in Tel Aviv last October 16 and 17. After the talks, Cabinet member Bezalel Smotrich said: “We in the cabinet were promised at the outset ... that aid trucks hijacked by Hamas and its organizations would be bombed from the air, and the aid would be halted.”

Over the weekend, in an interview with CBS’s “60 Minutes,” Vice President Kamala Harris defended U.S. military aid to Israel, which soared to a record \$17.9 billion over the past year.

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