

UN expert slams obscuring media coverage of Israeli violence in Amsterdam



Francesca Albanese, UN special rapporteur on the rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory

Geneva, November 11 (RHC)-- A United Nations legal expert has called for Western media to be investigated over their role in “obscuring” news coverage of the clashes on Friday between Israeli forces posing as football fans and locals in the Dutch city of Amsterdam.

In a post on X, formerly Twitter, Francesca Albanese, the UN special rapporteur on the rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, said that Western media has repeatedly disseminated disinformation which has served to conceal the atrocities that were being carried out by the Israelis across the globe.

“Once again, Western media should be investigated for the role they are playing in obscuring Israel’s atrocities,” the Italian international lawyer said.

The legal scholar, researcher, and author specializing in human rights and Arab refugee issues said media figures who disseminate false news are complicit in Israeli crimes and should be held accountable. Geneva, November 10 (RHC)-- A United Nations legal expert has called for Western media to be investigated over their role in “obscuring” news coverage of the clashes on Friday between Israeli forces posing as football fans and locals in the Dutch city of Amsterdam.

“In other contexts, international tribunals have found media figures responsible for complicity, incitement, and other international crimes.”

The call by the UN expert came after some Western media outlets failed to report on or minimize the actions of the Israeli thugs posing as fans of Maccabi Tel Aviv ahead of and during the violence on Thursday and Friday.

Upon arriving at the Dutch capital ahead of the match, videos online showed so-called Israeli football fans tearing down Palestinian flags hung from residents’ homes.

In one video from the clashes, Israeli fans were heard singing, “Let the [Israeli army] win, and Fuck the Arabs!” while another showed them tearing down a Palestinian flag from a building.

Maccabi faced Eredivisie side Ajax Amsterdam on Thursday, where they were thrashed 5-0 by the Dutch team in the city’s main arena and Ajax’s home stadium.

The impudent Israeli regime forces’ brutal instincts intensified outside the Johan Cruyff Arena after the match, spreading to other areas, and inflicting heavy damage to the Dutch city. Western media, however, cited pro-Israeli officials describing the clashes as “anti-Semitic” and claiming Israeli hooligans had been attacked for their “Jewishness.”

Six Israeli airplanes were dispatched to bring the hundreds of Israeli forces in Amsterdam back to Tel Aviv following the riots in the Dutch capital triggered by their racist behavior, reports said.

Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the Mossad spy agency were involved in the events

During the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, human rights advocacy groups had called for barring the Israelis from all sports events over the ruling by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) about the occupying regime’s barbaric crimes against Palestinians in the besieged Gaza Strip amid the Israelis ongoing genocidal war in the region, killing over 43,500 Palestinians.

Hundreds of Palestinian athletes have been killed since October 7, 2023, when the regime began waging the war in Gaza which it now extended to Lebanon. Western governments’ support for the Israeli war machine and indifference to human life is the source of the Zionists’ continued impunity, experts say.

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