

Iranian UN envoy condemns Israel's use of white phosphorus



The Israeli regime increases its use of banned munitions, including white phosphorous bombs, in Gaza.

United Nations, December 6 (RHC)-- Iran's permanent representative to the United Nations has denounced Israel for its use of phosphorus bombs in its wars against Lebanon and Gaza.

Amir Saeid Iravani on Thursday asserted that such actions amount to a war crime, urging the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to initiate an international investigation against the Zionist entity.

He also reaffirmed Iran's commitment to supporting the independent, impartial, and professional work of the OPCW. "We call for the full, effective, and non-discriminatory implementation of the Convention. Iran will spare no effort to realize the objectives of this vital instrument," Iravani said.

"Second, the Syrian Arab Republic has complied with its obligations under the Convention, having destroyed its chemical weapons stockpiles and production facilities. Also, it continues its constructive engagement with OPCW, demonstrating its steadfast dedication to transparency and full compliance with its responsibilities," he stated.

"In this context, the Syrian National Committee has submitted three comprehensive reports over the past three months. It has participated in the 28th round of consultations with the Declaration Assessment Team and provided requested information, documents, and clarifications to facilitate the resolution of outstanding issues," he added.

"As such, Syria has extended the tripartite agreement with the OPCW and the United Nations Office for Project Services for an additional six months," he said.

"It is essential to recognize the significant progress in Syria's cooperation with the OPCW and ensure that such developments are evaluated fairly and without politicization or bias," he said.

Furthermore, Iravani emphasized Syria's substantial cooperation with the OPCW, which reflects its commitment to transparency and full compliance.

He called upon it to conduct its operations with strict neutrality, professionalism, and a consistent, evidence-based approach to establish facts and reach credible conclusions.

"We support continued constructive dialogue between Syria and the OPCW to address any outstanding issues and achieve a comprehensive resolution. This process must be guided by transparency, accountability, and impartiality," he said.

Shortly after the October 2023 attack, Human Rights Watch said it had verified footage taken in Lebanon and Gaza showing multiple uses of artillery-fired white phosphorus over the Gaza City port and two rural locations along Lebanon's border.

The same manufacturing codes also appear on white phosphorus shells lined up next to Israeli artillery by the city of Sderot, near the Gaza Strip, in an October 9 photo.

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