

UN rights council demands Israel prevent genocide in Gaza



Geneva, April 3 (RHC)-- The UN Human Rights Council has passed a resolution condemning Israel's renewed onslaught on Gaza. The council also demanded that the regime "prevent genocide" and "lift its illegal blockade" on the territory.

The resolution, which was put forward by most members of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), was adopted on Wednesday with an overwhelming majority. The resolution was adopted with 27 of the council's 47 members voting in favor, four against and 16 abstaining. The text deplored "the violation by Israel of the ceasefire agreement."

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The text also called on the UN General Assembly to set up a new investigative team to prepare prosecutions for major international crimes committed in the war on Gaza.

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