

ICC will not investigate U.S. war crimes in Afghanistan



The Hague, April 16 (RHC)-- The International Criminal Court has announced it was refusing to pursue an investigation into possible war crimes and crimes against humanity committed by the United States and other actors in Afghanistan.

The court suggested the U.S.'s lack of cooperation with the investigation was behind the decision. Earlier this month, the U.S. revoked the visa of ICC prosecutor Fatou Bensouda, who asked ICC judges to authorize the investigation in 2017. Human rights groups condemned the decision.

Katherine Gallagher of the Center for Constitutional Rights said the ICC was "bowing to President Trump's pressure campaign" and that "With its decision, the International Criminal Court sends a dangerous message: that bullying wins and that the powerful won't be held to account."

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