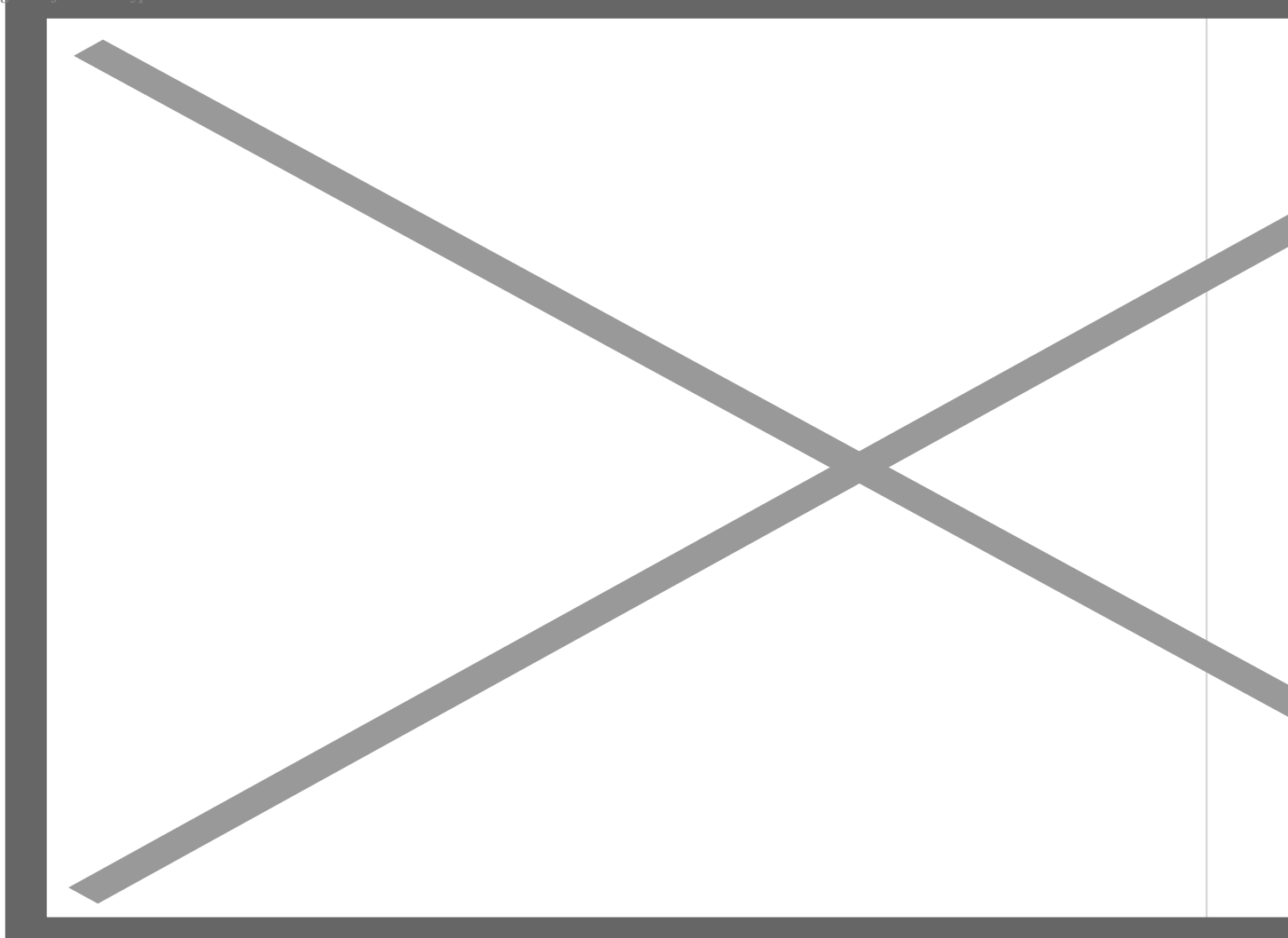


Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations says UN building should be wiped off the face of the Earth

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Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations Gilad Erdan points to the Palestinian Representative as he speaks during a UN Security Council meeting on Gaza at the UN headquarters in New York

City on August 13, 2024. (AFP)

United Nations, August 21 (RHC)-- Israel's outgoing ambassador to the United Nations has lashed out at the international organization, saying the UN headquarters must be dismantled.

"The UN building should be closed and wiped off the face of the earth," Gilad Erdan said in an interview with an Israeli papers cited by the media on Tuesday. "This building, which may look nice from the outside, is actually twisted and distorted," Erdan claimed, saying the United Nations building in New York City is "unnecessary."

In an earlier attack on the international organization, Erdan had criticized UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. The Israeli envoy also lashed out at the UN agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).

The regime has been widely rebuked by the international community, condemned over its atrocious actions during its campaign of genocide in Gaza.

Ten months of brutal Israeli attacks in front of the world's eyes have wiped out most of Gaza, its cities and towns lying in ruins amid a crippling blockade of food, clean water and medicine.

The UN has added the Israeli military to the world body's annual "List of Shame" that features the offenders committing deadly violations against children.

The genocide has continued since early October despite global outrage and a UN Security Council resolution demanding an immediate ceasefire.

When asked in the interview with the Israeli paper, cited by media on Tuesday, what his plans are for the future, Erdan said he sees himself leading the right-wing Likud Party after Benjamin Netanyahu steps down.

"I'm coming out with a feeling of satisfaction on one hand, of my battle and work here, but on the other hand with great distress and frustration with the fact that this building, which may look nice from the outside, is actually twisted and distorted."

Erdan, in June, leaked a video of a message by UN spokesman Stéphane Dujarric, notifying him that the UN had placed Israel on a blacklist for "parties engaging in violations against children." The Israeli regime ambassador said the UN decision was "outrageous and wrong."

One political observer in New York noted that such an attitude from the Israeli representative is only logical, since Tel Aviv openly violates UN resolutions critical of its genocidal actions and illegal occupation of Palestinian territories. The observer said that Israel couldn't care less what the rest of the international community thinks of its illegal and barbarian actions.

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