

South Africa's anti-apartheid effort to isolate Israel

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Pretoria, December 1 (RHC)-- After its inaugural international conference held in May in Johannesburg, South Africa, the anti-apartheid movement against Israel has now kick-start a new global effort designed to alienate the Zionist entity from the civilized world.

The initiative saw the participation of government representatives, activists, lawyers and civil groups from around the world.

Marking the launch, South Africa's Minister of International Relations, Ronald Lamola, noted that Israel must be stopped.

The Minister of International Relations, Ronald Lamola, said: "This is not only the murder and the massacre of people, but genocide at a massive scale, of unimaginable proportion, happening in the full view of all of us, hence we are really encouraged by this movement that is starting today, because you are going to shine the spotlight, you will coordinate and help the international community."

The Reverend Frank Chikane, a coordinator of the global anti-apartheid movement, highlighted the fact that Israel upholds two principles that have caused extensive suffering throughout the world; racism and colonial thinking.

He also held Western powers to account for the continued supply of arms to Israel, which enabled its brutal aggression. But countries like South Africa have also not done enough.

Activists say the government has dragged its feet in prosecuting South Africans who are on active duty in the Israeli occupation's military machine, despite countless cases being filed with the prosecuting authority.

"Whilst we applaud the actions taken by our government In the ICJ case, we must look at the issues right here at home, we must ask the question as to, why are these criminals still walking free on our shores."

At the international level, Mandela has added his voice to calls for the suspension of the Zionist regime from the United Nations.

The Anti-Apartheid Movement against Israel was inspired by the Al-Aqsa flood operation, which triggered a global awakening about the Palestinian struggle for liberation.

This coordinated campaign will now see the emergence of sister movements in countries around the world, which will pressure governments and international bodies to isolate Israel, just as it did with the South African apartheid regime.

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