

Congress Should Stand with Israel Against a Rogue International Court

Dear Representative:

On November 21st, the United States and Israel strongly criticized the International Criminal Court (ICC) for issuing arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant. The warrants unjustly accuse Netanyahu and Gallant of “crimes against humanity and war crimes” relating to Israel’s military operations in Gaza.

In a lame attempt to look balanced, the ICC also issued a warrant for Hamas leader Mohammed Deif, even though Israel says it killed that terrorist leader in July.

Congress should not tolerate rogue actors who circumvent international law to attack Israel and threaten America. A bipartisan majority in the House passed strong legislation during the last Congress, but Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer didn’t bring it up for a vote.

The House will soon vote on **H.R 23, Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act**. This timely legislation will impose sanctions on ICC officials and put ICC prosecutor Karim Khan back in his place. He does not have jurisdiction over Israel or the United States, and it’s outrageous that the ICC is issuing arrest warrants for Prime Minister Netanyahu and Defense Minister Gallant. The ICC is equating Israel and Hamas, even as Hamas still holds Israelis and Americans hostage.

Speaker Mike Johnson has called the ICC’s action “baseless and illegitimate” and said the court “has no authority over Israel or the United States.” The Speaker said, “Israel is fighting a just war for survival, and the ICC is attempting to equate Israeli officials to the evil terrorists who perpetrated the October 7th massacre.”

Hamas terrorists brutally murdered more than 1,200 Israeli citizens on that dark day in 2023 and took hundreds more hostage. Several Americans were also killed or taken hostage that day.

Israel is an important ally to the United States and they deserve our support. America needs to show bipartisan resolve in standing against terrorist organizations like Hamas that brutally murder innocent people and pose a grave threat to peace in the Middle East and elsewhere.

H.R 23, Illegitimate Court Counteraction Act, is an appropriate response to the ICC’s rogue action. We urge you to support it and hope the new majority in the Senate will swiftly concur.

Sincerely,

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