

ICC Prosecutor Faces Alarming Threats to Abandon Israeli Crimes Probe

GENEVA (Dispatches) -- An investigative report has exposed a mounting campaign of intimidation targeting British ICC Chief Prosecutor Karim Khan, revealing alarming threats designed to force him to abandon the investigation into the Zionist occupying regime’s war crimes in Gaza.

According to a report by Middle East Eye (MEE), Khan was explicitly warned to withdraw arrest warrants against the leaders of the Zionist regime, or face destruction of both himself and the International Criminal Court (ICC). The threat came in May during a meeting at a hotel in The Hague with Nicholas Kaufman, a British-Israeli lawyer linked to the inner circle of Zionist prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Kaufman claimed to be authorized by Netanyahu’s legal adviser to offer Khan a way to “climb down the tree,” urging him to reclassify the arrest warrants for Netanyahu and former war minister Yoav Gallant—issued over their genocidal crimes in Gaza—as “confidential,” and to refrain from seeking further warrants against Zionist ministers Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich, notorious for promoting



Karim Khan is taking his solemn oath as the chief prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

illegal settlements in the occupied West Bank.

Kaufman warned that failure to comply would lead to the “destruction” of Khan and the ICC itself. Khan and his wife, Shyamala Alagendra, later confirmed the encounter was a clear threat.

This intimidation campaign emerged just weeks before unsubstantiated sexual misconduct allegations against Khan surfaced—claims he has firmly denied. Reports indicate these allegations may have been part of a deliberate attempt to discredit him as he

prepared to expand investigations into more members of Netanyahu’s cabinet.

In addition to death threats and baseless accusations, Khan has faced sanctions from the U.S. government since February. The U.S., which aligns with the Zionist regime and rejects ICC jurisdiction, recently escalated pressure by sanctioning four ICC judges involved in the arrest warrants. A senior U.S. official warned that “all options are on the table” if warrants against Netanyahu and Gallant are not dropped.

The ICC rejected Israel’s request in July to suspend the arrest warrants pending appeal, maintaining that Netanyahu and Gallant remain internationally wanted suspects. ICC member states are legally bound to arrest them, though many have been reluctant to act.

The UN special rapporteur on Palestinian human rights, Francesca Albanese, condemned countries such as Italy, France, and Greece for allowing Netanyahu safe passage through their airspace, potentially violating their international obligations to arrest an indicted war criminal. Albanese herself was sanctioned by the US for her courageous work exposing Zionist war crimes.

Despite repeated UN Security Council calls for an immediate ceasefire and International Court of Justice orders to prevent genocide, the Zionist regime continues its genocidal assault unabated, flouting international law and causing immense human suffering.

The ongoing campaign against ICC Chief Prosecutor Karim Khan and international legal institutions underscores the Zionist regime’s determination to evade accountability.

Borrell: EU Complicit in Gaza Genocide by Israeli Regime

BRUSSELS (Dispatches) -- Former European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell accused EU leaders of complicity in the Israeli regime’s crimes in Gaza by failing to impose sanctions, urging immediate action to uphold international law and human rights.

In an opinion piece for The Guardian, Borrell declared that the Zionist regime’s attacks on Gaza amount to genocide, highlighting the widespread killing and starvation of civilians as well as the systematic destruction of infrastructure. He also condemned the daily violations of international law by Zionist

forces and settlers in the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

“For all those with ears to hear and eyes to see, there is little doubt that the Zionist occupying regime is committing genocide in Gaza, slaughtering and starving civilians after methodically destroying the territory’s infrastructure,” he wrote.

Borrell argued that the EU’s ongoing inaction despite its legal obligations under the EU-Israel Association Agreement renders it complicit in the crisis.

“The EU has many levers it could pull to exert significant pressure on the Zionist occupying regime,” he said, noting

that the bloc is Israel’s largest trading partner and participates in several joint funding and exchange programs, including Horizon and Erasmus.

He emphasized that Article 2 of the agreement makes cooperation conditional on respect for human rights, meaning EU leaders have a legal duty to suspend the deal, warning: “Failure to do so would also constitute a serious violation of the association agreement with Israel.”

Borrell, who served as the EU’s high representative for foreign affairs and security policy until 2024, said he had pushed for stronger measures

during his tenure but received little support from member states.

“This inaction has already severely damaged the EU’s geopolitical standing, not only in the Muslim world but globally,” he said.

“The leaders of the EU and its member states will likely be held accountable in the future for their complicity in the crimes against humanity committed by Netanyahu’s Zionist government,” he wrote.

“The EU must finally decide to sanction the Zionist occupying regime without further delay,” he said.

Turkish FM Declares Zionist Regime’s Actions in Gaza ‘Genocide’

ISTANBUL (Dispatches) -- Turkey’s Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan fiercely condemned the Zionist regime’s brutal efforts to forcibly expel Gazans from their ancestral lands and its aggressive plans to annex the West Bank, calling these actions utterly unacceptable during a meeting with Hamas Shura Council head Muhammad Ismail Darwish in Istanbul on Friday.

Fidan, representing the Turkish Foreign Ministry, met with the

Hamas delegation led by Darwish to discuss the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza. The delegation slammed the Zionist regime’s token amounts of humanitarian aid, describing it as grossly insufficient, and denounced Israel’s ruthless, uncompromising stance in ceasefire negotiations.

Fidan condemned the Zionist regime’s ongoing genocidal campaign, accusing it of deliberately

starving the people of Gaza to death. He emphasized that the Netanyahu regime’s true intent is to crush Gaza’s resistance by dragging out ceasefire talks and forcing mass displacement, amounting to a systematic attempt to annihilate the Palestinian population.

“No ifs, no buts,” Fidan declared, denouncing Israel’s genocidal policies and its strategy to break the will of Gaza’s people.

Highlighting Turkey’s unwavering support for Palestine, Fidan pointed to the surging global solidarity with the Palestinian cause and the increasing number of countries recognizing the Palestinian state, which is further isolating the Zionist regime internationally.

He reaffirmed Turkey’s commitment to stand firmly with the Palestinian people against the Zionist regime’s ongoing aggression.

Agatha Christie’s Baghdad Home in Danger of Collapse

BAGHDAD (Dispatches) -- The historic house along the banks of the Tigris River in Baghdad, where legendary British crime novelist Agatha Christie lived for over a decade, stands today as a symbol of rich cultural heritage — yet it is dangerously deteriorating.

Located in the Karadat Maryam district, the vintage home now bears a stark warning sign: “Caution! Danger of collapse.” Despite its fragile state, the house continues to hold memories of Christie’s time in Iraq and remains a testament to the city’s deep historical roots.

Iraqi historian Adil Ardavi confirmed that Christie lived in Iraq for approximately 13 years during the early 20th century. “Many artifacts discovered by her husband, an ex-

pert in historical antiquities, are now preserved in museums,” Ardavi noted. He added that Christie, known for her adventurous spirit, frequently traveled across neighboring countries from her base in Iraq.

When choosing her Baghdad residence, Christie selected a house that epitomized traditional Baghdad architecture and offered a scenic view of the Tigris River, which likely inspired parts of her celebrated works. According to local lore, the house was once home to Ali, the brother of Iraq’s King Faisal I.

Christie’s connections to Iraq ran deep. Her famous novel Murder on the Orient Express includes scenes set in Baghdad — a city that once served as a vital stop on the historic train route linking Türkiye and

Europe. Ardavi emphasized Christie’s affection for the Iraqi people, stating that her long residence in Baghdad fostered strong friendships within the local community.

Though the home now lies in ruins, there is hope for its restoration. Ardavi suggested that collaboration between the British Embassy in Baghdad and Iraqi authorities could transform the site into a museum honoring Christie’s legacy.

Hamza Ebu Sali, a bookseller from Baghdad’s renowned Mutanabbi Street—famous for its concentration of used bookstores—highlighted Christie’s lasting popularity in Iraq. “Iraqis have a great appreciation for her novels; her books consistently rank among the most sought-after,” he said.

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infrastructure, and economic collaboration.

Both nations confront common threats from extremist groups and external interference aimed at destabilizing the region. Strengthened intelligence sharing and security coordination are critical to safeguarding trade corridors and supporting investment.

Pezeshkian’s visit follows sustained diplomatic engagement, including multiple high-level meetings and phone calls between Iranian and Pakistani leaders over the past year. These interactions signal a shared determination to deepen cooperation despite regional turbulence.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan released a statement highlighting the significance of the visit, saying Pakistan is committed to further strengthening bilateral ties, especially in trade, energy, and security sectors, which are vital for regional stability and prosperity.

Both nations, it said, share a vision for a peaceful and connected region, and this visit will lay the groundwork for enhanced collaboration in the coming years.

Beyond economics, the visit symbolizes a reaffirmation of Tehran-Islamabad ties as two Muslim-majority neighbors committed to regional stability and self-reliance. As the countries approach the 78th anniversary of their diplomatic relationship, officials stressed mutual respect and cultural affinity as foundations for a durable partnership.

Amid sanctions on Iran and shifting global power dynamics, closer ties with Pakistan offer Tehran a valuable strategic partner. The visit underscores Iran’s pragmatic approach to foreign policy—balancing traditional cultural connections with forward-looking economic integration.

The two sides plan to convene a joint economic commission meeting in Tehran soon to formalize agreements on trade, infrastructure, and security cooperation. Enhanced private sector engagement, streamlined banking and customs procedures, and joint investment projects are high on the agenda.

With political will and mutual trust, Iran and Pakistan aim to transform their historic relationship into a model of regional partnership that promotes prosperity and stability.

President Pezeshkian’s visit thus marks a significant milestone in Tehran’s policy of strengthening neighborly bonds and fostering resilient economic networks in a complex and changing regional environment.

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Palestinians have been killed attempting to receive aid amid ongoing Israeli attacks.

The visit was widely denounced by Palestinian civilians and humanitarian workers as a superficial gesture, heavily controlled by Israeli military supervision, which failed to convey the full extent of Gaza’s humanitarian catastrophe.

“This was a PR stunt,” said Ellie Burgos, a critical care nurse volunteering in Gaza. “What they saw was not the reality on the ground.”

As the siege continues unabated, international calls for an immediate ceasefire and lifting of the blockade grow louder. Humanitarian organizations warn that Gaza teeters on the brink of famine and complete collapse, a direct consequence of the relentless Israeli offensive.

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The IRGC praised the steadfastness of Gaza’s population and the regional resistance front, particularly Iran’s role, asserting that their support has “terrified the criminal gangs ruling Washington and Tel Aviv.” The statement forecasted the eventual defeat of Israel and the liberation of Palestine.

President Pezeshkian also paid tribute on X, reaffirming Iran’s commitment to Palestinian self-determination and condemning Israel’s “war crimes” in Gaza and the region.

Meanwhile, Iran’s Foreign Ministry issued a similar statement, honoring Haniyeh’s legacy and condemning the assassination as a grave breach of Iran’s national sovereignty. It emphasized that the path of resistance would continue until Palestine’s liberation is achieved.

July 31 marks the anniversary of a killing that has intensified Iran’s resolve to support the Palestinian cause.

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leveraging their countries’ capacities to strengthen cooperation on issues of mutual interest.

In July, senior security officials from both countries, including Iran’s Supreme National Security Council Secretary Ali Akbar Ahmadian and UAE National Security Advisor Tahnoun bin Zayed Al Nahyan, called for collective regional efforts to safeguard security amid heightened Israeli-U.S. aggression.