



## THE FRENCH ASSOCIATION AFPS LAUNCHES CASE AGAINST FRENCH ISRAELI SETTLERS AND X FOR WAR CRIMES, COMPLICITY IN WAR CRIMES AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

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Association France Palestine Solidarité (AFPS), represented by the law firms DEMAÏN and ALEKTO, is filing a complaint against French-Israeli settlers and against X, for serious acts that may constitute complicity in war crimes and crimes against humanity against the Palestinian population of the West Bank (including East Jerusalem).

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Since 1967, UN bodies and NGOs have consistently denounced the **serious and systematic violations of international law committed by the State of Israel against the Palestinian people**, particularly in relation to the occupation, colonisation and annexation of the Occupied Palestinian Territory. Over the past 2 years, this dehumanising settlement policy has intensified, subjecting the Palestinian people to unsustainable living conditions marked by unprecedented violence by the Israeli authorities and settlers, the killing of Palestinian men, women and children, dispossession, destruction and imprisonment.

On 19 July 2024, the International Court of Justice issued a historic 258-page advisory opinion on the consequences of Israel's policies and practices in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in which it concluded, *inter alia*:

- the illegality of Israel's continued presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, its settlement regime, annexation and misappropriation of the natural resources of the Palestinian people;
- Israel's obligation to immediately cease all new settlement activity, dismantle all illegal settlements, and make reparation for all damage caused to the Palestinian civilian population; and
- Israel imposes and maintains a system of discriminatory laws and measures against the Palestinian population of the West Bank and East Jerusalem, thereby committing racial segregation and apartheid.

On 18 September 2024, at the UNGA, 124 countries, including France, voted in favour of Resolution ES-10/24, which adopted the ICJ's recommendations and set **18 September 2025 as the deadline for Member States to definitively end Israel's illegal practices and policies** that seriously threaten the fundamental rights of the Palestinian people, including their inalienable right to self-determination.

Today, AFPS observes that no action has yet been taken.

In this context, it is incumbent upon the French criminal courts to make full use of their jurisdiction to investigate, prosecute and judge the actions of any French national who is the perpetrator or accomplice of crimes related to colonisation. In this case, the serious acts denounced by the AFPS relate to:

- **the complicity of French-Israeli settlers:**
  - **war crime** provided for in Article 461-26 of the French Criminal Code, namely the direct or indirect **transfer** by Israel, as the occupying power, of part of its civilian population into the **Occupied Palestinian Territory**;
  - **crimes against humanity** as defined in Article 212-1, 4°, 8° and 10° of the French Criminal Code, namely:
    - **deportation or forcible transfer of the civilian population of the West Bank** by Israel, in execution of a concerted plan against the Palestinians as part of a systematic or widespread attack;
    - **persecution of the Palestinian population of the West Bank** on political, racial, national, ethnic, cultural or religious grounds;
    - **acts of segregation** committed by Israel as part of an institutionalised regime of systematic oppression and racial domination **against the Palestinian people**;
- **the commission and complicity by these French-Israeli settlers in the war crime** provided for in Article 461-16 of the French Criminal Code, namely **theft, extortion and destruction of the property of the civilian population** of the West Bank, with the full and active support of the Israeli authorities.

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