

UN to Release Report Equating Israeli Rule to US Slavery

Another United Nations agency is on its way to releasing yet another anti-Israel report, *The Jerusalem Post* reported Monday.

The U.N.'s Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) is reportedly writing another defamatory report, this time equating "50 years of Israeli occupation" to the United States' history of slavery.

This report comes just a month after Rima Khalaf, ESCWA's executive-secretary, resigned over a controversial report describing Israel as an "apartheid regime." The secretary-general of the U.N. rejected the report.

The expected report will aim to establish "premises and approach for calculating the cumulative cost of the occupation," according to a resolution passed by ESCWA last December mandating the research.

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development is also said to be collaborating with ESCWA on the report.

Although no publication date has been announced for the document, according to reports in Israeli media, it is expected to symbolically coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Six-Day War and the Jerusalem Day celebrations in June.

The U.S. is reportedly working to thwart the report's publication, just as it combated the previous one.

"The attempt by U.N. bodies to publish such defamatory reports are reprehensible and can be described only as a disgusting perversion of the truth," Israel's U.N. Ambassador Danny Danon told *The Jerusalem Post*, "We have made it clear we will stand

strong and demand such libelous publications not see the light of day."

In response to a request by *The Jerusalem Post* on the issue, the office of the secretary-general claimed no knowledge of said report. {eo}

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