

Former UN Official Sued for Targeting US Christian Firms that Support Israel

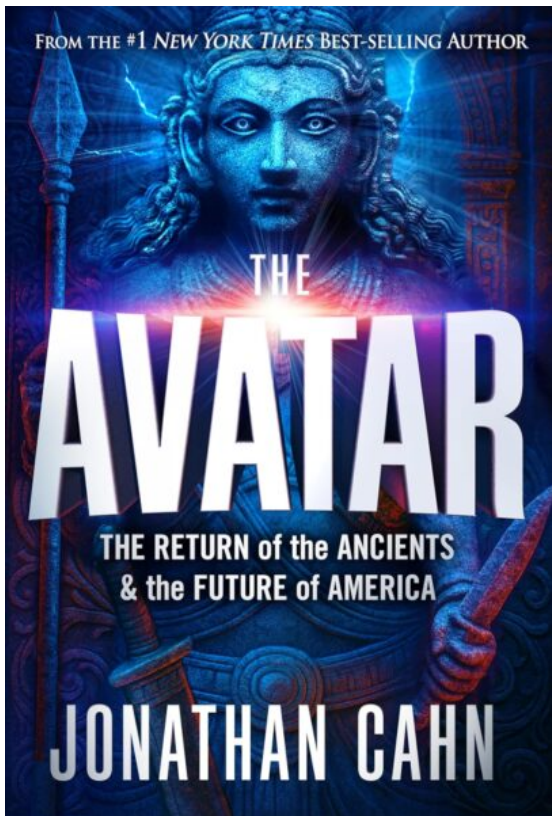
The United Nations' dogged pursuit of a Palestinian state, despite the ongoing aftermath of the brutal [October 7th Hamas massacre and kidnappings of Israelis](#), has left no doubt about the anti-Israel sentiments of the world body.

More evidence is seen in the efforts of UN officials, both past and present, who work against Israel behind the scenes. One recent case involves an attempt to disrupt the support and friendship offered by evangelical organizations to the state of Israel.

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Eugene Kontorovich from the Heritage Foundation specializes in constitutional and international law, particularly when it comes to anti-Israel moves at the United Nations. He spoke with CBN News Middle East Bureau Chief Chris Mitchell about one unique effort to push back against the anti-Israel agenda.

MITCHELL: Eugene Kontorovich, thanks for joining us. You're a senior fellow at the Heritage Foundation. You're involved in a lawsuit that's really unique. Tell us about it.



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KONTOROVICH: Francesca Albanese is a woman who worked for the United Nations. She had a position as [one of the United Nations kind of professional Israel bashers](#), the special rapporteur for Palestine. And she has been essentially a Hamas supporter, justifying Hamas' attacks and making vicious blood libels against the Jewish state. But now she's gone further and she started defaming American companies and American NGOs, American organizations, accusing them of genocide for merely being involved with the state of Israel. Now that's legally baseless, but it's also defamatory.

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Our clients are two Christian charities who have a faith-based mission of helping the Jewish people in the Holy Land. For that work, she accused them of being accessories to genocide, threatened them with a whole bunch of scary consequences, including criminal prosecutions. And that is defamation. And

for that, you can be sued in the United States. And we are helping them, in fact, sue her.

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Now, she is not actually a United Nations official anymore because she was reappointed to her position in a manner that has been deemed improper. And the United States, this is the most amazing part, sanctioned her a few weeks ago for working with the International Criminal Court against Israel. So she has been sanctioned by the United States. Her property is frozen in the United States. She can't travel to the United States. But at the same time, our clients want justice and want restitution for the harm they've suffered from her.

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Entire UN Commission Investigating Israel Resigns

An entire UN commission investigating Israel, consisting of three members, have announced their resignations.

“I regret to advise that owing to age, medical issues and the weight of several other commitments, I feel compelled to retire as a member of the Commission,” commission chair Navi Pillay wrote in a letter to the President of the UN’s Human Rights Council on July 8. “I hereby submit notice of my

resignation with effect on 3 November 2025.”

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The other members of the commission, Miloon Kothari and Chris Sodoti, submitted letters of resignation in the subsequent two days.

The commission, titled the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel, [has been highly critical of Israel](#), accusing it of several “crimes against humanity.”

“The commission found that the crimes against humanity of extermination; murder; gender persecution targeting Palestinian men and boys; forcible transfer; and torture and inhumane and cruel treatment were committed,” its May report said.

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While the commission members did not cite Trump administration pressure as a reason for their collective resignation, an organization called the UN Watch argued the resignations were a product of mounting U.S. pressure against the UN over its treatment of Israel.

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio’s decision to sanction the UN official Francesca Albanese was cited by the UN Watch as a reason for the new resignations.

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“First, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio made the historic decision to sanction Francesca Albanese, the UN’s pro-Hamas rapporteur, in wake of a massive campaign led by UN Watch,” said UN Watch Executive Director Hillel Neuer.

“Now [the architects of the UN’s anti-Israel inquisition](#) are fleeing the ship. The tide is turning.”

Big News: The UN's entire commission of inquiry against Israel has resigned, in fear of U.S. sanctions.

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A broad coalition of 22 nations condemned the inquiry's anti-Israel bias:

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– Hillel Neuer (@HillelNeuer) [July 15, 2025](#)

Neuer argued that “Francesca Albanese was the tip of the spear in the UN’s war on Israel. Now that she’s been sanctioned, others are looking over their shoulders.”

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Neuer also stated that the commission itself should be abolished.

“This commission is irredeemably flawed – both in mandate and in execution,” he said. “It must be dismantled. It’s not an inquiry, but an inquisition.”

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