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OSINT INVESTIGATION REPORT

TITLE: THE ZIONIST LANGUAGE OF GENOCIDE

SUBJECT: Systematic Dehumanization, Historical Weaponization & Collective Punishment Rhetoric in Israeli Political Discourse (2008–2026)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This investigation documents a systematic pattern of dehumanizing, genocidal, and collective-punishment rhetoric employed by senior Israeli government officials, military leaders, Knesset members, and allied political figures from 2008 to 2026. The analysis identifies seven consistent rhetorical frameworks that constitute what scholars of genocide studies term "the language of atrocity":

- 1. Biblical/religious justification for mass violence
- 2. Animalization and dehumanization of civilian populations
- 3. Invocation of historical atrocities as operational models
- 4. Explicit denial of civilian status and distinction
- 5. Advocacy for ethnic cleansing and population transfer
- 6. Systematic dismissal of international legal institutions
- 7. Apocalyptic framing of conflicts as civilization-level struggles

These statements have been cited as evidence in international legal proceedings including South Africa's genocide case at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) and International Criminal Court (ICC) arrest warrant applications. They have been condemned by multiple Western governments, human rights organizations, and the United Nations. They are not fringe opinions — they are the documented language of the Israeli state's highest elected and appointed officials.

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SECTION I: VERIFIED QUOTE CATALOGUE — CHRONOLOGICAL

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PRIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU

[October 7, 2023]

"All the places where Hamas is organized, of this city of evil, all the places where Hamas hides, operates from — we will turn them into cities of ruins."

— The Jerusalem Post

[October 28, 2023 — The Amalek Invocation]

"Remember what Amalek did to you."

— Repeated invocation throughout the war. In the Hebrew Bible, Amalek was "the foe that God ordered the ancient Israelites to genocide." Scholars have called the verse an instance of "divinely mandated genocide." Netanyahu used this at Holocaust memorials including Yad Vashem.

— Cited by South Africa as evidence of genocidal intent at the ICJ.

— Sources: Wikipedia / Genocide Watch / ICJ filings / South Africa's Application (December 2023)

[December 2023]

"This is a battle, not only of Israel against these barbarians, it's a battle of civilization against barbarism."

— Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel

[2021 — Human Shields Narrative]

"They murder everyone, any civilian they can get their hands on... They use civilians. They target civilians while hiding behind civilians, using them as human shields. This is the problem that we face."

"Democracies have a choice... we can absorb attacks... or we can level the cities."

"We do something different. We try to target those who target us with great precision."

— Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs, meeting with foreign ambassadors

[2021 — UN Human Rights Council]

The council showed a "blatant anti-Israel obsession... automatic majority at the council whitewashes a genocidal terrorist organization that deliberately targets Israeli civilians while turning Gaza's civilians into human shields."

— UN Human Rights Council session

[2024 — ICC Arrest Warrants]

Called ICC Prosecutor Karim Khan one of "the great antisemites in modern times."
— PBS NewsHour / Associated Press

[March 2025 — ICJ Oral Intervention]

"Israel does not target Palestinian civilians. We target Hamas... And when [Hamas] embed themselves in civilian areas, when they use civilians as human shields, they are the ones who are responsible for all unintended casualties."
— X/Twitter thread

DEFENSE MINISTER YOAV GALLANT

[October 9, 2023 — "Human Animals" Statement]

"I have ordered a complete siege on the Gaza Strip. There will be no electricity, no food, no fuel, everything is closed. We are fighting human animals and we act accordingly."

— Business Insider, Al Jazeera, The Times of Israel

— Condemned by Human Rights Watch as "a call to commit a war crime"

— Cited by ICJ as evidence of potential genocidal intent

[October 13, 2023]

"Gaza won't return to what it was before. We will eliminate everything."

"I have removed all restraints, attack everything, kill those who fight us, whether there is one terrorist or there are hundreds of terrorists, through the air, land, with tanks, with bulldozers, by all means, there are no compromises."

— Channel 14 (Israel), cited in ICJ proceedings

[October 13, 2023 — To U.S. Secretary Lloyd Austin]

"The camouflage of the terrorists is the civilian population. Therefore, we need to separate them. So those who want to save their lives, please go south. We are going to destroy Hamas infrastructure, Hamas headquarters, Hamas military establishment, and take these phenomena out of Gaza and out of the Earth."

— Colorado Newsline

[November 2023 — Hezbollah Threat]

Warned Beirut could meet the same fate as Gaza: "What we can do in Gaza, we

can do in Beirut."
— The Jerusalem Post

[January 2024 — Hezbollah]
"Allowing Hezbollah and Iran to 'decide how we live our lives here in Israel'
is 'something we don't accept.'"
— The Times of Israel

[March 2024 — UN Ceasefire Resolution]
"Israel has no moral right to stop the war in Gaza."
— The Times of Israel

FINANCE MINISTER BEZALEL SMOTRICH

[April 2024 — "Total Annihilation" of Gaza]
"There are no half measures ... Rafah, Deir al-Balah, Nuseirat – total
annihilation. 'Thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven.'"
— Haaretz; described by Haaretz editorial as a call to genocide

[August 2024 — Haaretz Editorial]
Haaretz editorial: "Smotrich Must Pay the Price for His Repeated Calls for
Genocide of Palestinians"

[May 6, 2025]
"Gaza will be entirely destroyed."
— The Guardian

[Sanctions — June 2025]
Sanctioned by Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Norway, and the United Kingdom
for "inciting extremist violence and serious abuses of Palestinian human
rights. Extremist rhetoric advocating the forced displacement of Palestinians
and the creation of new Israeli settlements is appalling and dangerous."
— UK Government / Gov.uk

NATIONAL SECURITY MINISTER ITAMAR BEN-GVIR

[October 2023 — Resettlement of Gaza]

Promoted the relocation of Palestinians in Gaza to other countries around the world as "the solution to the current war" and called to "occupy Gaza and stay there."

— Al-Haq / UN reports

[January 2024 — "Return to Gaza" Conference]

Attended conference with 12 Likud ministers calling for resettlement of Gaza Strip.

[February 2025 — Communications Minister Role]

Called to completely halt humanitarian aid, cut off electricity, water, and communication, use "cruel and disproportionate force until the hostages return [and] cleanse Gaza of all the 'uninvolved'."

"The migration plan must start immediately."

"The historic opportunity in which the US President supports eliminating Hamas and the deportation of Gazans. Occupy, deport, settle, bring total victory, God willing."

— UN Special Committee Report A/80/365

[Sanctions — June 2025]

Sanctioned alongside Smotrich by five Western nations for inciting violence against Palestinians in the West Bank.

— UK Government / Gov.uk

PRESIDENT ISAAC HERZOG

[October 12, 2023]

"It's an entire nation out there that is responsible. This rhetoric about civilians not aware, not involved – it's absolutely not true. [...] and we will fight until we break their backbone."

— The Rights Forum / Pen America report

AGRICULTURE MINISTER AVI DICHTER

[October 2023 — "Gaza Nakba 2023"]

"We are now rolling out the Gaza Nakba."

"There is no way to wage a war — as the Israeli army seeks to do in Gaza — with masses between the tanks and the soldiers... Gaza Nakba 2023. That's how it'll end."

— Al-Haq / NBC News

KNESSET MEMBER ARIEL KALLNER (LIKUD)

[October 2023]

"Right now, one goal: Nakba! A Nakba that will overshadow the Nakba of 48. Nakba in Gaza and Nakba to anyone who dares to join!"

— Al-Haq / NBC News

FORMER JUSTICE MINISTER AYELET SHAKED

[July 2014]

"They are all enemy combatants, and their blood shall be on all their heads. This includes the mothers of the martyrs, who send them to hell with flowers and kisses. They should follow their sons, and nothing would be more just. Their homes should also be destroyed, otherwise, more little snakes will be raised there."

— CounterPunch / Multiple sources

FORMER DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER ELI BEN-DAHAN

[2013 — "Animals, Not People"]

"Palestinians are animals, not people."

"Palestinians are animals who do not deserve to live."

— Times of Israel, 2014; Cambridge University Press (The Mortality and Morality of Nations); Multiple sources

— At the time, Ben-Dahan was Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs; later appointed Deputy Minister of Defense in Netanyahu's fourth government (2015)

FORMER DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER MATAN VILNAI

[February 2008]

"The more Qassam rocket fire intensifies and the rockets reach a longer range, they will bring upon themselves a bigger 'Shoah' because we will use all our might to defend ourselves."

— CounterPunch / Multiple sources

FORMER INTERIOR MINISTER ELI YISHAI

[2014]

Expressed desire to "send Gaza back to the Middle Ages" and to destroy the enclave's infrastructure.

— CounterPunch

LIKUD PARTY RESEARCHER AMIR WEITMANN

[2023 — "Resettlement and Final Rehabilitation" Plan]

Published paper through Israeli security think tank Misgav entitled:

"A plan for resettlement and final rehabilitation in Egypt of the entire population of Gaza: economic aspects."

Suggested mass transfer of civilians in Gaza as part of Israel's

"day-after-the-war" strategy.

— Suppressing Dissent (OAPEN Library)

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (2025)

[February 2025]

"Encouraging emigration is the solution. The only solution for Gaza is to empty Gaza of Gazans... [We must] inherit in Gaza, in Jenin, Nablus, the answer to terrorism is sovereignty and inheriting the land."

— UN Special Committee Report A/80/365

MINISTER FOR SOCIAL EQUALITY (2024)

[October 2024 — "Return to Gaza" Conference]

Called to "hit them where it hurts, their land", suggesting "another Nakba that they will tell their children and their grandchildren about for the next 50 years."

— UN Special Committee Report A/80/365

ISRAELI SOLDIERS & MILITARY PERSONNEL (DOCUMENTED)

The following statements were documented in ICJ proceedings (South Africa v. Israel, May 2024) and verified through social media:

- "This year we were honoured to fulfil the command of the annihilation of Amalek" and "may we finish the job"
— Israeli soldier from 9203rd battalion, Facebook, March 2024
- "To conquer Gaza," "to flatten Gaza," "to erase Gaza," "to destroy Gaza... [and a]fter that, Ramallah also"
— Multiple soldiers, documented in ICJ filings

- "Deaths to Arabs"
 - Widespread among soldiers serving in Gaza
- "May you burn alive"
 - Documented in ICJ proceedings
- "Gaza is burning"
 - Multiple soldiers
- "We'll burn your mother"
 - Documented in ICJ proceedings
- "All of Sajaiya will burn in flames"
 - Documented in ICJ proceedings
- Israeli TV panelist (Channel 13): "This guy was taking care of the terrorists in their incubators in the hospital" — referring to babies in incubators as terrorists. Another panelist responded: "Stella saying children are terrorists is not Jewish."
 - Berkeley Othering & Belonging Institute

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTED STATEMENTS

[March 2025 — "Voluntary Emigration Bureau"]
Israeli Defense Minister announced establishment of a "Voluntary Emigration Bureau for Gaza residents interested in relocating to third countries" within the Ministry of Defence, mandated to "prepare for and facilitate the safe and supervised passage of Gazans for voluntary exit to third-party countries."
— UN Special Committee Report A/80/365

[2024 — "Return to Gaza" Conference]
Israeli Minister of Heritage called to "hit them where it hurts, their land", suggesting "another Nakba that they will tell their children and their grandchildren about for the next 50 years."
— UN Special Committee Report A/80/365

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SECTION II: THE SEVEN RHETORICAL FRAMEWORKS OF GENOCIDE

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FRAMEWORK 1: BIBLICAL/RELIGIOUS JUSTIFICATION FOR MASS VIOLENCE

The invocation of Amalek — the biblical enemy God commanded the Israelites to genocide — is not metaphorical. It is a specific theological command for total annihilation. Netanyahu's repeated use of this verse at Holocaust memorials transforms a genocide commemoration into a call for genocide.

Netanyahu: "Remember what Amalek did to you."

Smotrich: "Thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven."

Ben-Gvir: "Occupy, deport, settle, bring total victory, God willing."

Scholarly assessment: This is what genocide scholar Gregory Stanton calls "symbolization" — the use of religious or cultural symbols to mark a group for destruction. The Amalek framework removes all legal and moral constraints by placing the violence in the realm of divine command.

FRAMEWORK 2: ANIMALIZATION AND DEHUMANIZATION

Dehumanization is the most consistent predictor of mass violence in genocidal contexts. The animalization of Palestinians removes them from the moral community, making their suffering irrelevant.

Gallant: "We are fighting human animals and we are acting accordingly."

Ben-Dahan: "Palestinians are animals, not people." / "animals who do not deserve to live."

Shaked: "More little snakes will be raised there."

The ICJ specifically cited Gallant's statement as evidence that Israel's intentions in Gaza may constitute genocide under the Genocide Convention.

FRAMEWORK 3: HISTORICAL ATROCITY AS OPERATIONAL MODEL

Rather than treating historical atrocities as cautionary tales, these officials invoke them as blueprints for current military operations.

Dichter: "Gaza Nakba 2023. That's how it'll end."

Kallner: "A Nakba that will overshadow the Nakba of 48."

The Nakba (1948) refers to the expulsion and massacre of approximately 800,000 Palestinians. By invoking it as a model for 2023, these officials are explicitly referencing ethnic cleansing as a successful strategy.

FRAMEWORK 4: DENIAL OF CIVILIAN STATUS

International humanitarian law depends on the distinction between combatants and civilians. Systematic denial of this distinction is a hallmark of genocidal intent.

Herzog: "It's an entire nation out there that is responsible... This rhetoric about civilians not aware, not involved – it's absolutely not true."

Shaked: "They are all enemy combatants, and their blood shall be on all their heads."

Netanyahu: " Hamas deliberately targets everyone... They use civilians. They target civilians while hiding behind civilians, using them as human shields."

The "human shields" narrative is a well-documented propaganda framework used to justify indiscriminate bombing by claiming civilian presence makes distinction impossible. When combined with explicit statements that there are NO civilians, it creates a legal and moral vacuum where any killing is permissible.

FRAMEWORK 5: ADVOCACY FOR ETHNIC CLEANSING AND POPULATION TRANSFER

What begins as rhetoric becomes institutionalized policy.

Ben-Gvir: "Occupy, deport, settle, bring total victory, God willing."

Environmental Protection Minister: "The only solution for Gaza is to empty Gaza of Gazans."

Weitmann: Published plan for "resettlement and final rehabilitation in Egypt of the entire population of Gaza"

The establishment of a government "Voluntary Emigration Bureau" within the Ministry of Defence represents the institutionalization of ethnic cleansing. The term "voluntary" is Orwellian — it describes population transfer under siege conditions where survival depends on leaving.

FRAMEWORK 6: SYSTEMATIC DISMISSAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

When international institutions attempt to apply universal law, these officials systematically delegitimize them through accusations of antisemitism and threats of retaliation.

Netanyahu: Called ICC Prosecutor "one of the great antisemites in modern times."
Gallant: Called South Africa's ICJ submission "antisemitic."
Gantz: UN Human Rights Council decision "ends all legitimacy for the Human Rights Council's continued existence."

This is not principled skepticism of international institutions. It is the systematic dismantling of the rules-based order when it applies to Israel, while simultaneously invoking it against adversaries.

FRAMEWORK 7: APOCALYPTIC FRAMING

Conflicts are framed as existential, zero-sum struggles between civilization and barbarism where normal legal and moral constraints do not apply.

Netanyahu: "A battle of civilization against barbarism."
Gallant: "We will eliminate everything."
Gallant: "Israel has no moral right to stop the war in Gaza."

The apocalyptic framework removes the possibility of negotiation, compromise, or legal constraint. It transforms a political conflict into a cosmic struggle where any measure is justified.

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SECTION III: LEGAL & INSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

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INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE (ICJ)

In South Africa v. Israel (Genocide Convention), the ICJ cited statements by Gallant, Herzog, and others as evidence of potential genocidal intent. The court noted: "The ICJ is concerned that certain statements by senior officials and politicians in Israel disclose evidence of what may be characterised as intent to destroy Palestinians of the Gaza Strip."

Specifically cited:

- Gallant's "human animals" statement (October 9, 2023)
- Herzog's "entire nation... responsible" statement (October 12, 2023)
- Soldiers' "annihilation of Amalek" social media posts
- Smotrich's "total annihilation" and Amalek references

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC)

The ICC issued arrest warrants for Netanyahu and Gallant in November 2024, citing war crimes and crimes against humanity including:

- Starvation as a method of warfare
- Murder and persecution

The arrest warrants specifically referenced the systematic nature of the violence and the statements of senior officials as evidence of intent.

UN SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT (A/80/365, September 2025)

The UN Special Committee documented "a ramping-up of racist rhetoric by Israeli leaders as to their settler-colonial aspirations and the territorial expansion of the Israeli State, including through means amounting to the most serious international crimes."

The report noted that while mainstream Western media often presented such positions as held by "only an extreme fringe in society or two extremist ministers in the coalition, they were expressed far more broadly."

WESTERN SANCTIONS (June 2025)

Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Norway, and the United Kingdom jointly sanctioned Ben-Gvir and Smotrich, stating they "have incited extremist violence and serious abuses of Palestinian human rights. Extremist rhetoric advocating the forced displacement of Palestinians and the creation of new Israeli settlements is appalling and dangerous."

HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS

- Human Rights Watch: Condemned Gallant's "human animals" statement as "a call to commit a war crime"
- Amnesty International: Documented systematic dehumanization rhetoric as part of broader pattern of violations
- International Committee of the Red Cross: Repeatedly warned that rhetoric denying civilian status undermines humanitarian law

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SECTION IV: THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

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GREGORY STANTON'S TEN STAGES OF GENOCIDE

The language documented in this report maps directly onto Stanton's framework:

- 1. CLASSIFICATION: "Us vs. Them" — "Civilization against barbarism"
- 2. SYMBOLIZATION: Amalek invocation, "human animals"
- 3. DISCRIMINATION: Denial of civilian status, collective punishment
- 4. DEHUMANIZATION: "Animals, not people" / "little snakes"
- 5. ORGANIZATION: "Voluntary Emigration Bureau," resettlement plans
- 6. POLARIZATION: "Entire nation is responsible"
- 7. PREPARATION: "We will eliminate everything" / "removed all restraints"
- 8. PERSECUTION: Complete siege, cutting off all essential supplies
- 9. EXTERMINATION: "Total annihilation" / "Gaza Nakba 2023"
- 10. DENIAL: "We do not target civilians" / accusations of antisemitism against international courts

RAPHAEL LEMKIN'S DEFINITION

The architect of the Genocide Convention defined genocide as "a coordinated plan of different actions aiming at the destruction of essential foundations of the life of national groups." The systematic destruction of Gaza's infrastructure, the denial of food, water, and fuel, the mass displacement, and the rhetoric of total annihilation collectively constitute what Lemkin described.

BENJAMIN VALENTINO'S "FINAL SOLUTIONS"

Valentino's framework identifies "mass killing" as a deliberate strategy to remove a population. The language of "total annihilation," "eliminate everything," and "empty Gaza of Gazans" fits this model precisely.

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SECTION V: ASSESSMENT & CONCLUSIONS

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FINDING 1: THIS IS NOT FRINGE RHETORIC

The statements documented in this report come from:

- The Prime Minister of Israel
- The Defense Minister (ICC arrest warrant target)
- The Finance Minister (sanctioned by 5 Western nations)
- The National Security Minister (sanctioned by 5 Western nations)
- The President of Israel
- Multiple Knesset members and former ministers
- Active-duty military personnel

These are not isolated extremists. They are the elected and appointed leadership of the Israeli state.

FINDING 2: THE RHETORIC HAS BECOME POLICY

What begins as language becomes action:

- "Human animals" → Complete siege cutting off all essential supplies
- "Gaza Nakba 2023" → Mass displacement of 2.3 million people
- "Empty Gaza of Gazans" → Establishment of "Voluntary Emigration Bureau"
- "Total annihilation" → Systematic destruction of civilian infrastructure
- "No compromises" → Refusal of all ceasefire proposals

The gap between rhetoric and policy has collapsed. The language documented here is not merely descriptive — it is performative, creating the political and moral conditions for mass violence.

FINDING 3: INTERNATIONAL LAW IS BEING SYSTEMATICALLY DISMANTLED

The coordinated attack on the ICC, ICJ, UN Human Rights Council, and individual Western nations represents a frontal assault on the post-WWII rules-based order. When the leaders of a state systematically delegitimize the very institutions designed to prevent genocide, they remove the institutional constraints that might otherwise limit their actions.

FINDING 4: THE APOCALYPTIC FRAMEWORK REMOVES ALL CONSTRAINTS

By framing the conflict as a religious war between civilization and barbarism, these officials remove the possibility of legal or moral constraint. In an apocalyptic struggle, there are no war crimes — only

survival. This framework is deliberately constructed to place Israeli military actions beyond the reach of international law.

FINDING 5: DEHUMANIZATION IS THE FOUNDATION

Every other rhetorical framework depends on dehumanization. Once a population is defined as "animals," "snakes," or "Amalek," their protection under international law becomes irrelevant. The systematic animalization of Palestinians — from Ben-Dahan's "animals, not people" to Gallant's "human animals" to Shaked's "little snakes" — creates the psychological conditions for mass killing.

FINAL ASSESSMENT

The language documented in this report is not "tough talk." It is not "political rhetoric." It is the documented, verified, repeatedly-cited language of senior officials of a state that is currently engaged in military operations that have killed tens of thousands of civilians, displaced millions, and destroyed an entire territory's infrastructure.

This language has been cited by the International Court of Justice as evidence of potential genocidal intent. It has been cited by the International Criminal Court in arrest warrant applications. It has been condemned by multiple Western governments. It has been documented by the United Nations, Human Rights Watch, Amnesty International, and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The Zionist language of genocide is not a future possibility. It is a present reality, spoken from the highest offices of the Israeli state, broadcast on national television, published in official government statements, and echoed by soldiers on the ground.

What Raphael Lemkin warned against in 1944 — the systematic destruction of a national group through coordinated actions targeting its essential foundations — is being described in real-time by the very officials carrying it out.

They are telling us what they are doing. The only question is whether

the world will listen.

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