

## How the UN Discredited Its Own Sexual Violence Report on Israel

### THE LIE

The sexual abuse of Palestinians by Israeli authorities is well-documented and has been verified by the UN.

### THE TRUTH

None of the UN's sexual violence allegations are supported by hard evidence, and even the UN itself admits it did not verify the accusations.

### BACKGROUND

- On May 29, 2026, the United Nations added Israeli entities to its official "blacklist" of parties that commit sexual violence in conflict zones. These entities include the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), Israel Police, and the Israel Prison Service (IPS), which the UN claims has been systematically sexually abusing Palestinian detainees. ([UN](#))
- According to the report, the "verified" cases involved horrifying violations against 14 men, seven women, nine boys, and one girl.
- This placed Israel on the same blacklist as Hamas — the terror group added only last year, despite documented evidence of its mass rape on October 7, 2023, and its continued sexual abuse of women and children in Gaza. ([ITN](#))

### TRUTH EXPLAINED

- The UN's own Special Representative on Sexual Violence, Pramila Patten — the author of the report — openly admitted at a press conference that she never personally verified any of the allegations, and had no intention of doing so, stating: "It's not my job." ([UN Watch](#))
- The UN report accused Israel of blocking access to detention facilities, yet Patten simultaneously admitted she had refused Israel's invitation to visit those same facilities — making the accusation internally contradictory. ([UN](#)), ([UN Watch](#))
- Israel provided the UN with extensive documentation, detailed data, and comprehensive written responses to every claim, and invited UN officials to inspect the relevant sites. The UN declined. ([Jerusalem Post](#))
- Despite accusing Israel of "systematic" sexual violence — an extraordinarily serious charge — the UN produced zero photographs, zero videos, and zero forensic evidence of actual sexual assault. ([UN](#))
- The May 2026 report builds on a May 2025 UN report making the same charges. Yet a closer look at the cited incidents reveals how loosely the term "sexual violence" is applied: routine security procedures, such as requiring women to remove face coverings at checkpoints or having captured terrorists undress before detention to screen for hidden weapons, are classified alongside rape and assault. ([UNHRC](#))
- The UN report expressed concern that releasing videos of Hamas members confessing to rape and murder violated their "due process" — showing more outrage over the exposure of admitted rapists than over their crimes. ([UNHRC](#))
- While scrutinizing Israel intensively, the UN applies minimal pressure to Palestinian governing bodies, despite the U.S. State Department noting that neither the Palestinian Authority nor Hamas effectively enforces rape laws, and the PA lacks even a basic sexual harassment statute. ([US State Department](#))
- Reports from April 2026 detailed Hamas operatives sexually exploiting women seeking food aid from charity organizations in Gaza — abuse occurring under the watch of the very governing body the UN treats as a victim party. ([Daily Mail](#))
- Children in Gaza are reportedly being sexually assaulted by religious figures and then blackmailed into joining Hamas — a pattern of organized child abuse that has drawn almost no response from the same UN bodies fixated on Israel. ([Daily Mail](#))

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### QUOTES

"I made it clear to Israel I would not visit any detention facility, even if offered. It's not the responsibility of my office to do any verification. The information is verified with a very robust methodology of verification and documentation. I am a recipient. I compile that information and I present it to the Secretary-General." – Pramila Patten, UN Special Representative on Sexual Violence

"Anyone who is able to include Israel on the same list as Hamas terrorists and rapists has no sense of morality. [UN Secretary-General] Antonio Guterres, who justified the October 7 massacre, whitewashed the involvement of UNRWA employees in the massacre, and led the organization to an unprecedented low, is using the last months of his term to advance political and false accusations against Israel." – Israeli Ambassador to the UN Danny Danon

### TAKEAWAY

The United Nations claims to protect the vulnerable. Instead, it has produced a report accusing Israel of systematic sexual violence, authored by an investigator who verified nothing, rejected every piece of evidence offered, and admitted she had no intention of visiting a single site. Meanwhile, Hamas – whose members raped, mutilated, and murdered Israelis in documented, filmed, confessed detail – waited over a year for even nominal accountability. The UN's obsession with Israel betrays real victims of sexual violence by ignoring rape and child abuse epidemics perpetrated by Hamas and the Palestinian Authority.