



War crimes: Is the UN an international organization or a Western mouthpiece?

Description

The United Nations Human Rights Council, responsible for investigating war crimes, seems infected with the “head in the sand” syndrome.

In the latest Russian special military operation accusations, the UN says, “We are aware of the videos, and we are looking into them. [...] all such allegations should be [...] investigated *by [the] respective authorities.*”

Shouldn't the “respective authority” be the UN Human Rights Council? If the UN includes the “respective authorities” in the investigation and does not include all sides, will it be unbiased?

Both sides of the conflict have made war crimes allegations against the other.

EU Commission President Ursula von der Leven, in conjunction with only *one of the parties* of the conflict (guess which one), established an “independent joint investigative committee.” On October 18, 2022, the UNHRC released this investigation report and accused Russia of “a vast majority of the violations.” The blame is put squarely on Russia for all aggressions. Still, the investigation excluded an earlier completed study by Amnesty International.

The UN did have to walk back charges against Russia this past week, with the head of the Commission admitting that the only evidence she had was hearsay.

So, the UN did not interview the hundreds of people they initially claimed they did.

Another example: In Ethiopia, the UN did its “independent” investigations, stating that “all parties” had reports made against them. The UN researched the allegations after Amnesty International documented the alleged crimes, and CNN reported on the situation. The report's outcome was, “The majority of the violations documented [...] appear to have been committed by Ethiopian and Eritrean forces.” They also accused the Ethiopian government of interfering with the investigation. So guess who the US supported in this conflict? It was not Ethiopia.

The UN also did an “independent” investigation in Syria. Though they found potential crimes on multiple sides, the UN blamed Syria and Russia for war crimes. Yet the proof of the usage of chemical

weapons seems to be as elusive as the proof used to justify other US-backed conflicts.

These allegations are simply recycled NATO propaganda. If we look at the UN Human Rights Council mandated inquiries list, we see a list of countries and regions on the opposite side of arguments with the United States. Yet, they all have the same accusations in common.

These one-sided investigations also go to other UN-sanctioned inquiries: The IAEA Iran investigation, which ignored Israel's attacks on nuclear facilities; Operation Opera/Babylon in Iraq; and the Zaporozhe Nuclear Power Plant, where the IAEA says they don't have resources to determine who is shelling the plant, despite having inspectors permanently on-site.

Isn't it time for the UN to start acting in international interests and quit being a propaganda outlet for the USA? Or, in the new multi-polar world, has the time to disband the UN finally come?

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