

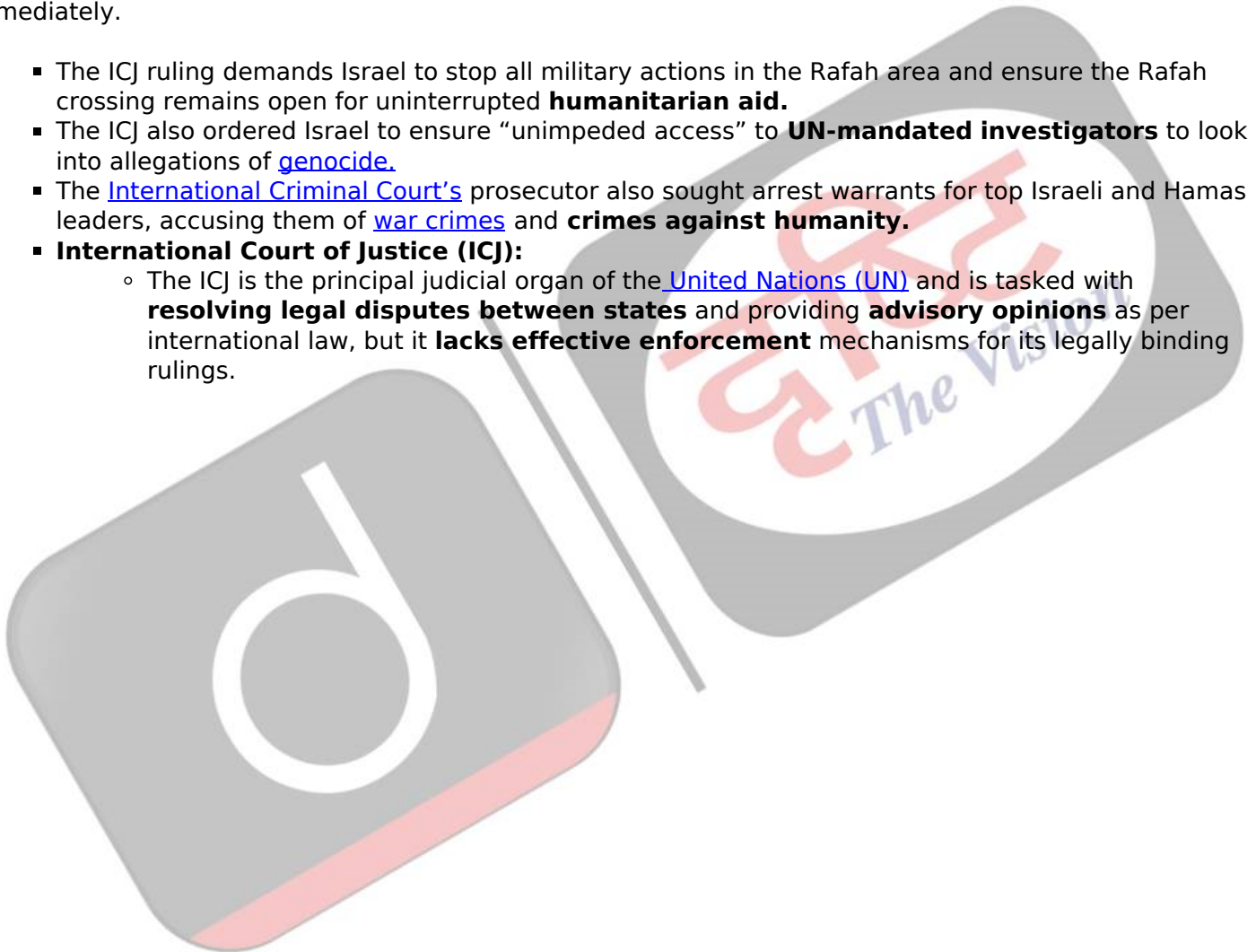


## ICJ Orders Israel to Cease Military Actions in Rafah

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The [International Court of Justice \(ICJ\)](#) has mandated Israel to cease its military operations in Rafah immediately.

- The ICJ ruling demands Israel to stop all military actions in the Rafah area and ensure the Rafah crossing remains open for uninterrupted **humanitarian aid**.
- The ICJ also ordered Israel to ensure “unimpeded access” to **UN-mandated investigators** to look into allegations of [genocide](#).
- The [International Criminal Court’s](#) prosecutor also sought arrest warrants for top Israeli and Hamas leaders, accusing them of [war crimes](#) and **crimes against humanity**.
- **International Court of Justice (ICJ):**
  - The ICJ is the principal judicial organ of the [United Nations \(UN\)](#) and is tasked with **resolving legal disputes between states** and providing **advisory opinions** as per international law, but it **lacks effective enforcement** mechanisms for its legally binding rulings.



## Differences between the ICJ and the ICC

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) and the International Criminal Court (ICC) are two courts with different functions within the international legal system.

	 <b>ICJ</b> International Court of Justice	 <b>ICC</b> International Criminal Court
<b>Established</b>	1945	2002
<b>UN-relationship</b>	Highest court of the UN	Not part of the UN
<b>Location</b>	The Hague, the Netherlands	The Hague, the Netherlands
<b>Jurisdiction</b>	UN member-states	Individuals
<b>Types of cases</b>	Legal disputes between states and requests for advisory opinions on legal questions	Prosecutes individuals for the most serious crimes as per the Rome Statute
<b>Appeals</b>	No	Yes
<b>Enforcement power</b>	None - relies on the UN Security Council to uphold judgements, with permanent members having veto power	None - relies on cooperation from member states to enforce its decisions

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