

ICC seeks arrest of Israel, Hamas leaders

By accusing the heads of Israel and Hamas of war crimes, the International Criminal Court's top prosecutor has signalled that both sides will be held accountable for their actions

ARREST WARRANT REQUESTS

■ **Israel:** ICC chief prosecutor **Karim Khan** says Israel has right to defend itself but not by "intentionally causing death, starvation, great suffering, and serious injury" to civilians

■ **Hamas:** Three main leaders stand accused of committing war crimes that include extermination, murder, hostage-taking, rape and torture

Mohammed Deif ▶
Commander of **Al-Qassam Brigades** – armed wing of Hamas

Ismail Haniyeh ▶
Hamas political chief, based in Qatar

ICC NEXT STEPS

■ **Pre-trial chamber:** Panel of three judges decides whether to issue arrest warrants and allow case to proceed – process typically takes two months



▼ **Yoav Gallant**
Israeli defence minister



▶ **Benjamin Netanyahu**
Israeli prime minister



▲ **Yahya Sinwar**
Hamas leader in Gaza

■ **Warrants issued:** ICC has no enforcement mechanism and relies on member states to arrest any accused individual who sets foot on their territory