

UN body accuses Israel of genocide in Gaza

A UN commission of inquiry says Israel has committed genocide in Gaza and that top officials incited these acts – accusations rejected by Israel



GENOCIDAL ACTS IN GAZA



■ Independent UN commission headed by former human rights judge **Navi Pillay** (left) studied Israel's conduct since start of war with Hamas on Oct 7, 2023

■ Commission's 72-page report concludes Israel committed four out of five acts laid out in 1948 UN **Genocide Convention** – adopted in wake of mass murder of Jews by Nazi Germany

1 Killing of Palestinians: Or forcing them to live in inhumane conditions that led to death

2 Causing Palestinians serious bodily or mental harm: Including through direct attacks on civilians, severe mistreatment of detainees and forced displacement

3 Deliberately inflicting conditions of life calculated to bring about the destruction of Palestinians in whole or in part: Including through blocking of aid and denial of access to medical services

4 Imposing measures intended to prevent births: Linked to attack on Gaza's largest fertility clinic, which reportedly destroyed some 4,000 embryos and 1,000 sperm samples

ISRAELI OFFICIALS NAMED



■ Commission cites statements by (from left) Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu**, President **Isaac Herzog** and former defence minister **Yoav Gallant** as "direct evidence of genocidal intent"