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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACOBS (for herself, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, and Ms. JAYAPAL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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citizens or were trained by the United States, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Justice for Hind Rajab
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) Since October 7, 2023, the United States
9 has provided more than \$21,700,000,000 in military
10 assistance to Israel, which has funded a majority of
11 expenses of the Israel Defense Forces to conduct the
12 war in Gaza.

13 (2) According to information from Government
14 of Israel, an estimated 10,000 people from the
15 United States were activated for the war in Gaza.

16 (3) According to reports from the Gaza Min-
17 istry of Health, more than 20,000 children have
18 been killed in Gaza since October 7, 2023.

19 (4) Since October 7, 2023, at least 1,700 health
20 workers have been killed in Gaza.

21 (5) On January 29, 2024, 5-year-old Hind
22 Rami Iyad Rajab, along with 6 members of her ex-
23 tended family, were killed in a passenger car by
24 Israel Defense Forces (referred to in this Act as

1 “IDF”) tank and machine gun fire while she and
2 her family were fleeing fighting in Gaza City.

3 (6) A forensic investigation conducted by Fo-
4 rensic Architecture discovered a total of 335 bullet
5 holes in the car in which Hind Rajab was riding.

6 (7) Two Palestine Red Crescent paramedics at-
7 tempting to rescue Hind Rajab in a marked ambu-
8 lance along an approved route were also killed by
9 Israeli tank fire as they approached the car.

10 (8) Forensic analysis determined the weapons
11 and munitions used in the attacks were consistent
12 with IDF-issued weaponry, including the M4 carbine
13 assault rifle, the FN MAG machine gun on a
14 Merkava battle tank, and 120mm M830A1 High Ex-
15 plosive Anti-Tank Multi-Purpose-Tracers, much of
16 which is provided by, or includes components from,
17 the United States.

18 (9) Forensic analysis and satellite imagery de-
19 termined that an Israeli Merkava tank, which uses
20 parts and components manufactured in the United
21 States, was in proximity to the car on the day of the
22 attack and consistent with the weapons used to kill
23 Hind Rajab and her family.

24 (10) On April 16, 2024, a Department of State
25 spokesperson said the Department would ask Israel

1 for further information about the attacks and would
2 welcome a full investigation into the matter.

3 (11) Section 620M of the Foreign Assistance
4 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2378d) prohibits the Sec-
5 retary of State from providing assistance to any unit
6 of a foreign security force if the Secretary “has
7 credible information that such unit has committed a
8 gross violation of human rights.”.

9 **SEC. 3. PROSECUTION OF WAR CRIMES.**

10 (a) REFERRAL BY SECRETARY OF STATE.—Not later
11 than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
12 the Secretary of State shall certify to the appropriate con-
13 gressional committees that if there is credible information
14 indicating the attacks on January 29, 2024, which caused
15 the deaths of Hind Rajab, members of her family, and
16 2 Palestine Red Crescent paramedics, could constitute war
17 crimes and involved the use of United States-origin weap-
18 ons or munitions, United States citizens, or IDF personnel
19 trained by the United States, the Secretary will, not later
20 than 15 days after such certification, refer such findings
21 to the Attorney General for prosecution of those respon-
22 sible for such attacks.

23 (b) INVESTIGATION BY ATTORNEY GENERAL.—Not
24 later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this
25 Act, the Attorney General shall certify to the appropriate

1 congressional committees that the Department of Justice
2 will—

3 (1) review any referral received from the Sec-
4 retary of State regarding the Gaza City attacks of
5 January 29, 2024; and

6 (2) initiate an investigation and prosecutions
7 for war crimes in accordance with section 2441 of
8 title 18, United States Code, as appropriate, to the
9 extent such actions fall within the jurisdiction of the
10 United States courts.

11 **SEC. 4. REPORT ON THE GAZA CITY ATTACKS ON JANUARY**
12 **29, 2024.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days after the
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State,
15 in consultation with the Attorney General and the Sec-
16 retary of War, shall submit a report to the appropriate
17 congressional committees regarding the Gaza City attacks
18 of January 29, 2024, as described in section 2.

19 (b) CONTENTS.—The report submitted pursuant to
20 subsection (a) shall include—

21 (1) all the information available to the United
22 States Government regarding—

23 (A) the identity of the IDF or other Israeli
24 security force units that were involved in the at-
25 tacks referred to in subsection (a);

1 (B) the underlying operational motivation
2 for the attacks;

3 (C) any actions taken by the Government
4 of Israel to investigate the attacks and to hold
5 accountable the individuals who were respon-
6 sible for the attacks;

7 (D) whether any of the soldiers involved in
8 the attacks were United States citizens;

9 (E) whether the IDF used any weapons or
10 ammunition in the attacks that were provided
11 by the United States; and

12 (F) whether any of the IDF personnel in-
13 volved in the attacks were trained by the United
14 States;

15 (2) all actions taken by the Department of
16 State to submit inquiries or requests for information
17 to the Government of Israel regarding the attacks
18 pursuant to the Department's formal acknowledg-
19 ment of the attacks and commitment to seek such
20 information;

21 (3) all actions by the Department of State to
22 request information from the intelligence community
23 (as defined in section 3 of the National Security Act
24 of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 3003)) and other components of

1 the United States Government regarding the at-
2 tacks;

3 (4) the extent to which the Secretary of State
4 and the Secretary of War initiated an inquiry or in-
5 vestigation to determine if the attacks constituted a
6 “gross violation of human rights” for purposes of
7 mandatory compliance with section 620M of the
8 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2378d)
9 and section 362 of title 10, United States Code, re-
10 spectively (“The Leahy Laws”);

11 (5) the findings of any other Department of
12 State reviews, policy recommendations, or internal
13 investigations related to the attack, including actions
14 taken under the Department of State’s Civilian
15 Harm Incident Response Guidance; and

16 (6) whether the Department of Justice—

17 (A) has received information regarding the
18 attacks;

19 (B) has relayed such information to the
20 Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Sec-
21 tion; and

22 (C) has established a record of such docu-
23 ments and the receipt of such information.

24 **SEC. 5. COMPENSATION.**

25 It is the sense of Congress that—

1 (1) the Government of Israel should provide
2 compensation to the families of Hind Rajab and of
3 the paramedics who were killed in the attacks on
4 January 29, 2024; and

5 (2) the Department of State should also provide
6 compensation to such families if it is determined
7 that any United States citizens serving in the IDF
8 were involved in the attacks.

9 **SEC. 6. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

10 It shall be the policy of the United States—

11 (1) to collect, analyze, and preserve evidence
12 and information relating to possible war crimes and
13 atrocities committed during the Israel-Hamas war
14 that began on October 7, 2023, for use in domestic,
15 foreign, and international courts and tribunals pros-
16 ecuting those responsible for such crimes, including
17 evidence and information relating to the attacks on
18 January 29, 2024, which caused the deaths of Hind
19 Rajab, members of her family, and 2 Palestine Red
20 Crescent paramedics;

21 (2) to continue efforts to identify, deter, and
22 pursue accountability for war crimes and other
23 atrocities committed in conflicts around the world,
24 including through the investigation and prosecution
25 of crimes by the Department of Justice under sec-

1 tion 2441 of title 18, United States Code (commonly
2 known as the “War Crimes Act of 1996”);

3 (3) to consider the willful killing of protected
4 persons, including civilians and medical personnel,
5 as grave breaches amounting to war crimes and, if
6 systemic, crimes against humanity;

7 (4) to hold perpetrators of war crimes and
8 crimes against humanity accountable for their
9 crimes;

10 (5) to uphold the Convention (IV) relative to
11 the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War,
12 done at Geneva August 12, 1949 (commonly re-
13 ferred to as the “Fourth Geneva Convention”), to
14 which the United States is party and has ratified,
15 including article 3, which states that persons taking
16 no active part in hostilities shall be treated hu-
17 manely and should not be subject to violence to life
18 and person;

19 (6) to uphold article 35 of the Convention for
20 the Amelioration of the Condition of the Wounded
21 and Sick in Armed Forces in the Field, done at Ge-
22 neva August 12, 1949, to which the United States
23 is a party and has ratified, requires transports of
24 wounded and sick or of medical equipment to be re-

1 spected and protected in the same way as mobile
2 medical units; and

3 (7) for the Attorney General, with input from
4 the heads of other Federal agencies, as appropriate,
5 to investigate any credible allegations of war crimes
6 committed by United States citizens in Gaza, in ac-
7 cordance with section 2441 of title 18, United States
8 Code.

9 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

10 In this Act:

11 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
12 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
13 mittees” means—

14 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
15 the Senate;

16 (B) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
17 Senate;

18 (C) the Committee on Armed Services of
19 the Senate;

20 (D) the Select Committee on Intelligence
21 of the Senate;

22 (E) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
23 the House of Representatives;

24 (F) the Committee on the Judiciary of the
25 House of Representatives;

1 (G) the Committee on Armed Services of
2 the House of Representatives; and

3 (H) the Permanent Select Committee on
4 Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

5 (2) ATROCITIES.—The term “atrocities” has
6 the meaning given such term in section 6(2) of the
7 Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Act
8 of 2018 (Public Law 115–441; 22 U.S.C. 2656
9 note).

10 (3) WAR CRIME.—The term “war crime” has
11 the meaning given such term in section 2441(c) of
12 title 18, United States Code.

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