

Cuba joins South Africa's lawsuit before the ICJ



The José Martí monument in Havana's Revolution Square in the colours of the Palestinian flag (Source: [Cubadebate](#))

Cuba has [announced its decision](#) to join South Africa's lawsuit before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) against Israel's actions in the Gaza Strip. The Cuban Foreign Ministry released a statement on Friday confirming its participation in the case.

The move is primarily aimed at "stopping the atrocities against the Palestinian people, which are due to Israel's disproportionate and indiscriminate use of force," the statement said. "In accordance with the provisions of Article 63 of the Statute of the Court and in strict compliance with its obligations as a contracting state of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, Cuba will exercise its right to present its interpretation of the norms of the Convention, which Israel has blatantly violated with its actions in the illegally occupied Palestinian territory of the Gaza Strip," the statement from the Cuban Foreign Ministry continued.

The Palestinian Foreign Ministry welcomed the move as a "sign of Cuba's unwavering commitment to justice and international rule of law," underscoring the historic friendship between the two nations.

On December 29, 2023, South Africa initiated proceedings against Israel before the ICJ, citing violations of the 1948 Genocide Convention concerning the Palestinians in Gaza.

Following South Africa's example, other countries such as Chile and Spain have also joined the lawsuit against Israel. In May, the court ordered a halt to the Israeli military offensive in Rafah in the southern Gaza Strip. ([Cubaheute](#))