

Prof. Shaloub-Kevorkian,

It was with shock, disgust, and deep disappointment that we read the public petition that you published, which attempts to falsely establish that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza. In the same petition, you also claim that Israel has been occupying Palestine for 75 years, or in other words: since the War of Independence (1948). In signing this awful letter, you noted your academic affiliation with Hebrew University.

Blaming Israel for the occupation of Palestine over the past 75 years is, in practice, an attempt to undermine the basis of the State of Israel's right to exist. It is unnecessary to overstate the severity and absurdity of this claim, which is not even supported by the UN.

Your awful claim, that Israel is allegedly currently carrying out genocide, is not very far from the crimes of incitement and sedition – crimes that would allow us to bring you to disciplinary court and to call for your suspension or expulsion from Hebrew University. Perhaps you are aware of the fact that in 1950, Israel adopted the United Nations Charter regarding the prevention of genocide. This charter was written primarily due to the murder of the Jewish people in the Holocaust. The military campaign that Israel is currently conducting, with the objective of defeating the murderous terror organization Hamas, does not come close to the definition of genocide according to international law. In contrast, the awful slaughter that Hamas conducted on October 7th against Jews because they were Jews, undoubtedly falls into this category. We were ashamed to find in your petition no reference to or condemnation of Hamas's awful acts of terror whatsoever (aside from a weak call to free the Israeli children who were taken hostage).

We are saddened and ashamed by the fact that Hebrew University includes a staff member like you. In light of your feelings, we believe that it is appropriate for you to consider leaving your position at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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Tamir Sheafar, Rector

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Asher Cohen, President

CC:

Prof. Asher Ben-Arieh, Dean of the School of Social Work

Prof. Tomer Broude, Dean of the Faculty of Law

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