

Defending Israel against Iranian Nuclear Aggression: War, Genocide, and International Law

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Under authoritative international law, aggressive war and genocide need not be mutually exclusive. On the contrary, war can intentionally create the conditions that would make genocide possible; it can also be the more direct or immediate instrument of closely related crimes against humanity. It follows then, as Iran comes ever closer to achieving a viable nuclear weapons capability,¹ that Israel has an especially good reason to fear future conflicts with such an aggression-prone Islamic republic. [more>>>](#)