

ICC Calls for Arrest of Netanyahu But Biden Stands by Him

In a stunning development the International Criminal Court (ICC) agreed with its prosecutor and issued a warrant for the arrest Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu and his former Defense Minister for war crimes and crimes against humanity. A similar warrant was issued for a Palestinian Hamas leader.

All the 124 countries that are parties to the ICC are obligated to arrest Netanyahu if he enters their country. Arrests are no joke. If found guilty at the ICC trial convicted criminals often spend the rest of their life in prison.

President Biden who hailed the ICC for its 2022 decision to issue a warrant to arrest Russia's President Putin said the warrant for the arrest of Netanyahu was "outrageous."

For his part Netanyahu said the decision of the ICC was "antisemitic." His office compared the decision of the International Criminal Court to the treatment of the French military officer Dreyfus in the 1890's. Alfred Dreyfus, a Jew, was found guilty of treason, and in a ceremony in which onlooking civilians screamed, "Kill the Jews" was stripped of his military rank. He was sent to Devil's Island for life. The evidence against Dreyfus was forged. After years of effort by justice-loving French men and women the public turned in his favor. He was pardoned and freed. *Netanyahu's attempt at a comparison with Dreyfus is grotesque.* The evidence against Netanyahu is not forged. It's completely out in the open in Netanyahu's public statements and in the action of his military. Far from suffering the travail of Devil's Island, Netanyahu received a standing ovation from the U.S. Congress and luxury accommodations wherever he goes.