

# CPIIL weekly newsletter

What's New in International Law?

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## In the news

- The European Court of Justice holds that gender and nationality are sufficient grounds to grant Afghan women asylum.
- Chinese Coast Guard expands reach in the Arctic; US Coast Guard detects the “unusual patrol”.
- Israel has “banned” the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres from entering the country, accusing him of supporting Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran. Read the Hindu’s commentary on this unusual move.
- The UN Refugee Chief has said that the airstrikes in Lebanon have violated humanitarian law.
- India has called for an International Agreement Against Terrorism at the UN.
- Armenia calls for Azerbaijan to implement mutual arms control measures; neighbours like India & France intensify arms agreements with the former.

## Blogs and articles

- Amnesty International has proposed having a standalone convention on Crimes Against Humanity. Read here about why we need a standalone convention.
- Explainer: The Journey of a UN Security Council Resolution.
- Mauritius’ Chagos Islands will be free from British occupation soon. Read here to know how it’s a win for Mauritius, UK, US and international law.
- Location, Location, Location: Targeting Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran and Questions of Territoriality in NIACs.

# Opportunities and Announcements

- Internship opportunity at United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) starting from November 4, 2024. Find more information [here](#).
- Registrations are open for 2025 Online Winter Courses at Hague Academy of International Law. Find more details [here](#).
- [Cambridge International Law Journal \(CILJ\)](#) is inviting submissions for Volume 14(1), to be published in June 2025. The submissions have to be made through the [online submission platform](#) by 23:59 (BST) on Friday, 1 November 2024.
- The Lauterpacht Centre for International Law has published its list of events for the remaining year. These lectures can be attended online by registering [here](#).
- [The University of Bologna Law Review](#) is now accepting submissions for Volume 10 Issue 1 (2025). Manuscripts may be submitted via email by October 29th, 2024 – 12:00 PM (GMT+1)

## Elsewhere Online

- In [EJIL: The Podcast! Episode 28](#): “Unlawful Occupation, Annexation and Segregation: The ICJ’s Advisory Opinion on Palestine”, three distinguished Palestinian lawyers discuss the ICJ’s Advisory Opinion on Palestine.
- The International Criminal Court (ICC) has publicly released Israel’s Response to the ICC Case against Benjamin Netanyahu and Yoav Gallant. Read the Response [here](#).
- In [Foreign Policy Live](#), ‘October 7, One Year On’, Middle East advisors discuss the ramifications of the armed conflict between Israel and Hamas.

# Blast from the Past: Notable Judgements in News

- The ICJ, in the Tehran Case, emphasized the fundamental principles of international diplomatic law, particularly the inviolability of diplomatic personnel and premises under the Vienna Conventions. In the news recently, because of the Kerala gold smuggling case and the debate surrounding diplomatic immunity under the Vienna Convention.
- In Nicaragua v. the USA, the Court rejected the U.S. justification of collective self-defense and upheld Nicaragua's right to sovereignty, non-intervention, and peaceful maritime commerce under customary international law and a 1956 bilateral treaty. In the news recently due to Israel-Palestine Conflict and the question of Palestinian sovereignty.
- The Caroline incident, a pivotal moment in international law, reshaped the doctrine of anticipatory self-defense, highlighting the complex interplay between state sovereignty, military force, and diplomatic tensions between the U.S. and Great Britain. Recently in the news during the Iran-Israel conflict and debate surrounding self-defense.