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Prima Facie Evidence of War Crimes by Israel (Channel 4 video: Phosphorus Controversy)

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pic: Jonathan Miller in Gaza, Monday 19th January

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Channel Four News journalist Johnathan Miller travelled to Gaza where he interviewed civilians sheltering in a UN run school attacked by Israel using white phosphorus munitions.

The attack - described as "Outrageous" by the UN Secretary General - was filmed by a school worker on his mobile phone.

Donatella Rovera, an Amnesty International investigator said "We've seen Prima Facie that there have been war crimes"

Stop the War and others have called a protest on Saturday demanding that Israel gets out of Gaza, that the blockade is lifted, that all borders are opened and that there is a complete arms embargo on Israel.

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z47IXgymVXs>

Phosphorus controversy in Gaza

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Evidence is uncovered that white phosphorus, which can burn through clothing and stick to the skin, was used in Gaza.

Throughout the three-week offensive there were claims about Israel's use of controversial weapons, possibly against international law, in a densely-populated area and their the deadly effect on civilians.

Flchette bombs, deployed by the Americans in Vietnam, also appear to have been fired.

These weapons should not be used against civilians, but there is evidence some were hit. Civilians have also been killed in attacks that may have involved DIME bombs.

None of these three weapons is explicitly banned under international humanitarian law.

But the way they are used could contravene laws meant to protect civilians in conflict, specifically in built-up areas like Gaza.

White phosphorus ignites on contact with oxygen. Flechettes expel razor sharp darts. DIME bombs cause large blasts over small areas.

This report from our foreign affairs correspondent Jonathan Miller in Gaza contains images which some of you may find disturbing.

Interview: Mark Regev
 Israeli government spokesman Mark Regev responds to allegations that Israel may have used white phosphorus in the Gaza conflict:
 video at:
http://www.channel4.com/news/articles/politics/international_politics/phosphorus%20controversy%20in%20gaza%20%20/2909012

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When are military bombs illegal?

21 Jan 2009: scale of Gaza devastation revealed

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Dispatches: Unseen Gaza
<http://www.channel4.com/programmes/unseen-gaza>

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Bloody Disgusting!

by MADMAX on 23.01.2009 [18:38]

I hope the good people like those who post and comment on this site from all over the world can generate enough critical mass to put a stop to these CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY once and for all..

It is time that the common people of this world had some peace and quiet to get on with their lives, without all these smarmy bankers and politicians making out like they are doing everyone a favour while they rob us and turn us into slaves.

PEACE AND FREEDOME TO ALL THE PEOPLE!

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