### Claim

Claim: "Israel has been declared an illegal state by the International Court of Justice in July 2024."

## **Actions**

web\_search("International Court of Justice Israel illegal state July 20

## **Evidence**

#### Evidence from web\_search

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) published a summary of its advisory opinion on July 19, 2024, regarding the legal consequences of Israel's policies and practices in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, finding Israel's presence unlawful and obligating it to end its presence, cease settlement activities, and make reparations. All states and international organizations are obligated not to recognize the situation arising from Israel's unlawful presence. (<a href="https://www.icj-cij.org/node/204176">https://www.icj-cij.org/node/204176</a>)

The UN Secretary-General presented a report on the advisory opinion on December 19, 2024. The ICJ's advisory opinion stated that Israel's occupation of the oPt is illegal under international law. The article mentions the UN General Assembly resolution that gave effect to the ICJ's opinion. (<a href="https://www.un.org/unispal/document/report-of-the-secretary-general-icj-19dec24/">https://www.globalr2p.org/unispal/document/report-of-the-secretary-general-icj-19dec24/</a>, <a href="https://www.globalr2p.org/publications/world-leaders-must-act-to-end-israels-unlawful-presence-in-the-occupied-palestinian-territory/">https://www.globalr2p.org/publications/world-leaders-must-act-to-end-israels-unlawful-presence-in-the-occupied-palestinian-territory/</a>)



## **Elaboration**

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) issued an advisory opinion on July 19, 2024, regarding Israel's policies in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. The ICJ found Israel's presence unlawful and obligated it to end its presence, cease settlement activities, and make

reparations. All states and international organizations are obligated not to recognize the situation arising from Israel's unlawful presence.

The evidence does not explicitly state that the ICJ declared Israel an "illegal state." However, the ICJ's advisory opinion did find Israel's presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory unlawful.

# **Final Judgement**

The ICJ's advisory opinion found Israel's presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory unlawful, obligating it to end its presence, cease settlement activities, and make reparations. While the ICJ did not explicitly declare Israel an "illegal state," it did find Israel's presence unlawful.

The claim is not entirely accurate as it uses the term "illegal state" which is not explicitly stated by the ICJ. However, the ICJ did find Israel's presence unlawful. Therefore, the claim is misleading. false

**Verdict: FALSE** 

#### **Justification**

The International Court of Justice (ICJ) issued an advisory opinion on July 19, 2024, finding Israel's presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory unlawful and obligating it to end its presence and cease settlement activities, as stated in the <u>ICJ summary</u>. The ICJ did not explicitly declare Israel an "illegal state," but its presence was deemed unlawful.