



Justice for Hind Rajab Act

Led in the Senate by: Senators Peter Welch (D-Vt.); Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.)

Introduced in the House by: Representatives Sara Jacobs (D-CA-51); Joaquin Castro (D-TX-20); Pramila Jayapal (D-WA-07)

Background: On January 29, 2024, five-year-old Palestinian child Hind Rajab, along with six members of her family, were killed by machine gun fire from an Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) tank while fleeing violence and famine in Gaza City. Investigations by an independent NGO found a total of [355 bullet holes](#) in her family's car. Two paramedics attempting to rescue Hind in an ambulance—along an IDF-approved route—were also killed by Israeli tank fire as they approached the car.

The incident, which was extensively documented and has drawn international attention, has become emblematic of the devastating toll of the Gaza war on civilians, particularly children. Hind is one of more than [50,000 children killed or injured in Gaza](#)—the most in any contemporary conflict. Gaza's civilians and children have continued to be killed in military operations and airstrikes, amid the tenuous ceasefire.

The Voice of Hind Rajab, a docudrama film following the story of Red Crescent volunteers in their attempt to rescue Hind, was nominated in the Best International Feature Film category at the 98th Academy Awards, which will take place on March 15, 2026.

Legislation: The *Justice for Hind Rajab Act* seeks accountability for the killing of Hind Rajab by presenting congressional findings on the attack that killed Hind Rajab and broader patterns of civilian harm in Gaza, while reasserting the United States' commitment to the Geneva Conventions and the prosecution of war crimes.

Additionally, the legislation would:

- Require a report from the State Department on all U.S. and Israeli efforts to investigate and hold accountable individuals linked to the attacks, and to comply with U.S. prohibitions on assistance to foreign security units credibly implicated in gross violations of human rights; and
- Require certifications by the Secretary of State and Attorney General regarding compliance with U.S. war crimes laws, including a commitment to investigate and, where appropriate, prosecute individuals responsible for the attack on Hind, her family, and the paramedics who responded to the scene.