



Composed of internationally recognized academics, legal experts and former high-ranking civil service officials, The Dinah Project was created in response to the sexual violence and gender crimes committed by Hamas on October 7th, 2023, and is the leading voice in Israel and the world in the call for justice for the victims.

Emphasizing the vital need for the establishment of an accurate and credible evidential and conceptual foundation for the prosecution of the October 7th Conflict Related Sexual Violence (CRSV), The Dinah Project has already amassed a comprehensive knowledgebase of the crimes perpetrated on that day. This knowledgebase serves as a crucial resource for research and for the establishment of new legal and doctrinal grounds based on joint responsibility legislation.

Due to the expertise and multi-disciplinary perspectives of its members, The Project has developed a comprehensive network of connections with domestic government, security, police, and civil society institutions. The Dinah Project also addresses the broader challenges faced by states and international institutions in their efforts to prosecute the perpetrators of these crimes, and our interlocutors include UN agencies, foreign governments, states' diplomats, foreign media, legal academia and international NGOs. Our target population thus spans the domestic and the international spheres, and we are therefore in a position to make a unique, crucial contribution to the shaping of national and international narratives.

Central to the mission of The Dinah Project is ensuring accountability on the part of terrorists involved in CRSV, and we pursue this mission through research and the establishment of legal doctrinal grounds for prosecution under evidentiary presumptions and joint responsibility law. On a broader level, The Dinah Project views the sexual violence committed on October 7th as a case study for working through the challenges inherent in pursuit of recognition and justice for victims of CRSV, including the complexities of documentation, investigation, and prosecution of such crimes. In light of the particular difficulties posed by the October 7th attack, and most especially the absence of surviving victims of the sexual violence, we are developing a structural tool for documentation and analyses of available information in a constructive manner most conducive to legal proceedings, along with an underpinning theoretical doctrinal framework of collective responsibility and chain of command.

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