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International Criminal Court May Cross a Line in Gaza

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The 7-year old International Criminal Court is starting to feel its oats. After indicting the president of Sudan for war crimes in Darfur, the prosecutor is weighing an investigation of Israeli officials for alleged war crimes in Gaza.

But wait, neither Israel nor the Palestinian Authority, which brought the complaint, is a member of the court. That's why the prosecutor at first rightly said the court had no jurisdiction over events in Gaza. But political pressure has caused him to reconsider.

This is precisely the kind of politicized, expansionist role many of us feared the International Criminal Court would play. Early word from the Obama administration has been that cooperating with the ICC is part of improving America's image abroad.

Let's hope the Obama administration remembers how to say "no" to the politics of this, and other international courts.

I'm David Davenport.

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