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## 'Goldstone sent 28 SA blacks to death'

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### **Man who headed Cast Lead c'tee reportedly served as apartheid judge.**

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Jurist Richard Goldstone was responsible for sending at least 28 black South Africans to death when they appeared before him during the apartheid regime, *Yediot Aharonot* reported Wednesday.

According to the report, Goldstone, who headed the UN committee which investigated alleged war crimes perpetrated by the IDF during Operation Cast Lead in Gaza, handed down the sentences while serving as a judge in the South African Court of Appeals.

Goldstone presided during the 1980s and 1990s, and wrote in one of his rulings that the gallows are the only deterrent for killers.

However, he responded to the report by saying that he was a part of the system and had to respect the laws of the state, occasionally having to enforce laws he was opposed to.

The former judge was also responsible for sending four men accused of violent acts to receive lashes alongside the upholding of other racist laws, *Yediot Aharonot* said.