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As the BBC has reported overnight:

The Trump administration is imposing sanctions on the UN Human Rights Council special rapporteur Francesca Albanese, an outspoken critic of Israel's military offensive in Gaza.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio linked the move to her support for the International Criminal Court (ICC), some of whose judges have already been sanctioned by the US.

Rubio said the US was sanctioning Albanese for directly engaging with the ICC in its efforts to prosecute American or Israeli nationals, accusing her of being unfit for service as a UN Special Rapporteur.

The sanctions are likely to prevent Albanese from travelling to the US and would block any assets she has in the country.

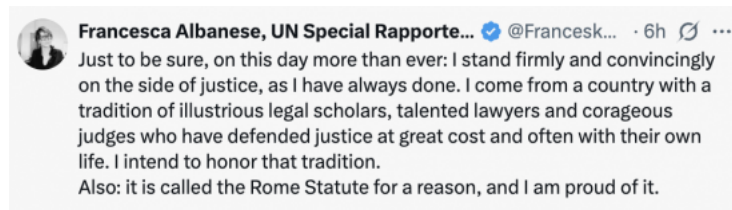I linked Albanese's report on the economics of genocide in Gaza yesterday.

Now the Trump regime has made clear where it stands. It stands for:

* Genocide

* Profiteering from human misery

* Undermining international law

* Fascism

* Organised terror

Some of us warned this was where Trump would be. Nothing about this is, in a sense, unexpected. Everything is rolling forward in accordance with he plan Trump had. But that does not change anything: the fact that tyranny was planned does not stop it from

being tyranny, and that is what is being delivered.

As Albanese said on Twitter, seemingly in response:

Francesca Albanese, UN Special Rapporte... ✔ @Francesk... · 6h ⊘ ···
Just to be sure, on this day more than ever: I stand firmly and convincingly on the side of justice, as I have always done. I come from a country with a tradition of illustrious legal scholars, talented lawyers and corageous judges who have defended justice at great cost and often with their own life. I intend to honor that tradition.
Also: it is called the Rome Statute for a reason, and I am proud of it.

The world is in need of courageous people. She is one, thank goodness.

And in the end, right prevails.