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Blinken: US still probing allegations vs. Israel

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WASHINGTON – Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Sunday that the U.S. is still collecting evidence and reviewing allegations that Israel violated U.S. policy and international humanitarian law in Gaza.

The State Department in a much anticipated report on Friday evening said that it is "reasonable to assess" that Israel used U.S.-made arms in ways that did not sufficiently mitigate civilian harm, but it could not definitively conclude that any specific incident met the violation threshold.

"It's reasonable to assess that in a number of instances, Israel has not acted in a manner that is consistent with international humanitarian law," Blinken said Sunday on CBS.

The comments were Blinken's first public remarks on the report, which looked at use of U.S. weapons in conflict zones such as Israel and Ukraine.

But it is the assessment on Israel that has infuriated lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, with Republicans and Democrats arguing that President Joe Biden is trying to have it both ways on U.S. support for Israel in its war against Hamas. Biden paused a shipment of weapons to Israel last week that he said could be used by Israel to attack the densely populated city of Rafah in a manner that would cause significant civilian casualties.

Congressional Republicans appeared on Sunday to accuse Biden of undercutting Israel, particularly with his threat to withhold weapons if Israel launches a full-scale invasion of Rafah. The Israelis should be able to "prosecute" their war on Hamas as "they see fit," said U.S. Sen. J.D. Vance, R-Ohio, one of the possible running mates for presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump.

Biden has not commented on the State Department's report since its Friday release.

Blinken said Sunday that Biden continues to back Israel's ability to defend itself, but the U.S. has qualms with the slow pace of humanitarian assistance deliveries and Israel's use of weapons in its war against Hamas.

The secretary of state on "Meet the Press" said the U.S. cannot at this point be definitive about possible violations of international law. He noted that the war is ongoing and "this is an incredibly complex military environment."

Blinken also noted that investigations are continuing, including one in Israel itself.



Secretary of State Antony Blinken – center, visiting an Israel-Gaza border crossing with Israeli and U.N. officials May 1 – on Sunday made the first public comments about a report on Israel's treatment of civilians in Gaza. EVELYN HOCKSTEIN/POOL VIA GETTY IMAGES

Doctors cautiously adopt AI-aided care



Dr. Rebecca Mishuris, an internist, measures Rachel Albrecht's vital signs during a recent visit. NATHAN KLIMA/USA TODAY

For many, its value is about more time with patients

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BOSTON – Dr. Rebecca Mishuris remembers her mother, also a doctor, bringing home her patients' medical charts every night and working on them long after she'd gone to bed.

For years, Mishuris, a primary care physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital, repeated the ritual herself.

But no more.

Since last summer, she's been piloting two competing software applications that use large-language models and generative artificial intelligence to listen in on, transcribe and summarize her conversations with patients. At the end of a patient visit it takes her just two to three minutes to review the summary for accuracy, cut and paste a few things into the patient's health record and hit save.

"I look at my patients now (during a visit)," said Mishuris, who oversees

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Dr. Rebecca Mishuris

the pilot project across 450 Harvard-affiliated providers and plans to expand to 800 within the next month. "It's a technology that puts me back in the room with my patient as opposed to putting up a barrier between me and the patient."

Mishuris, chief medical information officer and vice president of digital at Mass General Brigham, is among the earliest adopters of artificial intelligence in medicine, a field known for being slow to adapt to change. ("Legit, there's a fax machine at the front of my clinic," she said.)

While some other doctors have incorporated AI and large-language models, such as ChatGPT that analyze reams of online language, into their practices, Mishuris and a team 200 miles away at NYU Langone Health are among the few who have opted to

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Kicked out in 1968 over protesting, 78-year-old graduates from college

It's just the latest in life of accomplishments

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Alfredo Gutierrez is one of the most influential Latino leaders in Arizona. The 78-year-old has been recognized for a lifetime in public service. He was an Army private in Vietnam and then a civil rights activist and state lawmaker. In the 1970 and '80s, he served as Arizona Senate majority leader.

But one accomplishment had eluded Gutierrez all these years: a college degree.

He was kicked out of Arizona State University in 1968 for leading student protests on campus.

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Alfredo Gutierrez joins Provost Nancy Gonzales at Arizona State University's Hispanic Convocation on May 4. The political and community leader finished his college degree nearly six decades after being forced out of school because of his protest activity. PROVIDED BY ALFREDO GUTIERREZ



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