

European governments show support for Israel and repress pro-Palestinian protests



A protestor is detained by French Police during an unauthorized demonstration in support of Palestinians at Place de la Republique, in Paris

Brussels, October 17 (RHC)-- In Brussels, Belgium, leaders of the European Commission and European Parliament led a moment of silence for victims of Hamas. The EU leaders did not mention Palestinian civilians killed by Israel.

Landmarks across Europe were lit up in the blue-and-white colors of the Israeli flag — the Eiffel Tower in Paris, the Bulgarian parliament and the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, where earlier several hundred protesters defied a ban on pro-Palestinian demonstrations. Several protesters were arrested.

Elsewhere, hundreds in Vienna, Austria, defied a ban on protests to call for an end to Israel's assault on Gaza.

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