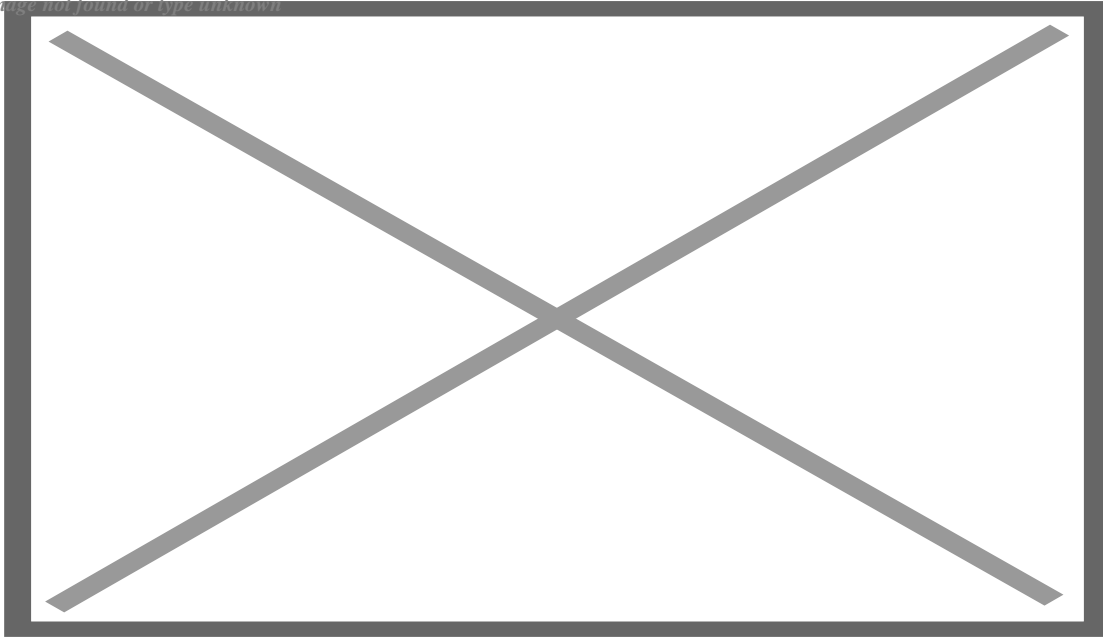


# *Wake up Europe?*

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After months of an ominous lack of condemnation of the genocide perpetrated by Israel against the Palestinian population in the Gaza Strip, some signs have finally arrived from the European Union that the population and some officials of this integrating mechanism are beginning to wake up.

Over the weekend, large marches against the policies of Benjamin Netanyahu's Zionist government took place in Spain and Italy, which is encouraging because until now there was only silence, which is a form of complicity with Israel's extermination.

In Spain, whose government is the only one in the bloc to openly criticize the slaughter in Gaza, several tens of thousands of people marched in Madrid from Atocha Station to the Plaza de las Cibeles carrying placards in which, among other things, they called for an end to the arms trade with Tel Aviv.

Similar protests took place in other major cities, such as Barcelona, Valencia and Seville. Meanwhile, in the Italian city of Vicenza, a large group of citizens demanded an end to the bombing of Gaza, before being harshly repressed by the police.

The extreme right-wing government of Giorgia Meloni maintains the tone of most countries of the European Union of making lukewarm calls for the solution of two sovereign states in the Middle East, without explicitly condemning Israel for the Palestinian genocide.

Curiously, this rule was broken these days by the High Representative for Foreign Policy of that continental mechanism, the Spaniard Josep Borrell, who accused Netanyahu of creating and financing the Hamas organization to weaken the Palestinian National Authority.

This version is an open secret, but it is striking that it is now openly proclaimed by a high-ranking European official, such as Borrell, who gave a speech at the University of Valladolid where he received an honorary doctorate.

But he did not stop there and accused Netanyahu of personally blocking for 30 years the UN resolution on the creation of a Palestinian State with internationally recognized borders since 1967.

Moreover, he recalled the strong warning already made earlier by several analysts about the fate of that region when he pointed out that "if we do not intervene strongly, the spiral of hatred and violence will continue from generation to generation, from funeral to funeral, when the seeds of hatred that are being sown in Gaza today will flourish". He who has ears, let him listen.

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