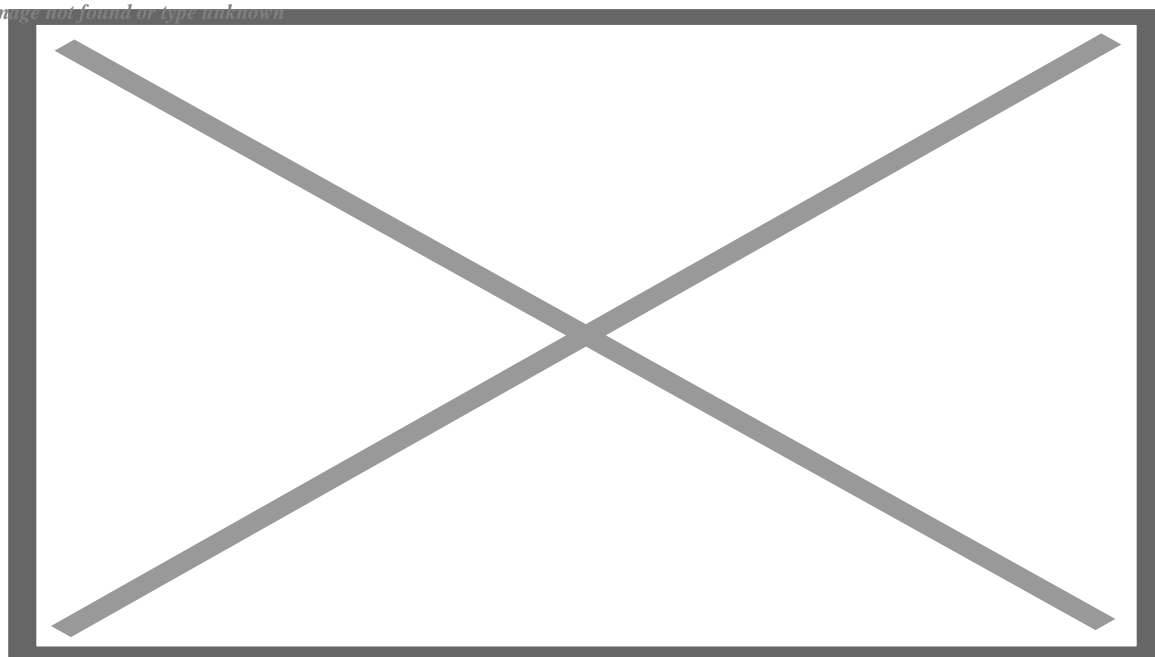


UN human rights chief says Rafah offensive cannot be reconciled with international law

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Geneva, May 12 (RHC)-- UN rights chief Volker Turk says a full-scale Israeli assault on the city of Rafah “cannot take place.”

“I can see no way that the latest evacuation orders, much less a full assault, in an area with an extremely dense presence of civilians, can be reconciled with the binding requirements of international humanitarian law and with the two sets of binding provisional measures ordered by the International Court of Justice,” the UN high commissioner for human rights said in a statement.

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