

# *Spain bars ships with weapons for Israel, as 13 foreign ministers warn against Israel's Rafah assault*

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Madrid, May 18 (RHC)-- Spain has denied port access to an Israeli-bound ship from India carrying explosives. Spain says it will no longer allow ships with weapons for Israel to use its ports. The country has also vowed to recognize Palestinian statehood by July.

Foreign ministers from 13 countries signed onto a letter warning Israel to halt its ground operations in Rafah and to get more aid to Palestinians. The letter was signed by all G7 members minus the U.S. — Germany, France, the U.K., Italy, Japan and Canada — as well as the foreign ministers of Australia, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, New Zealand, South Korea and Sweden.

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