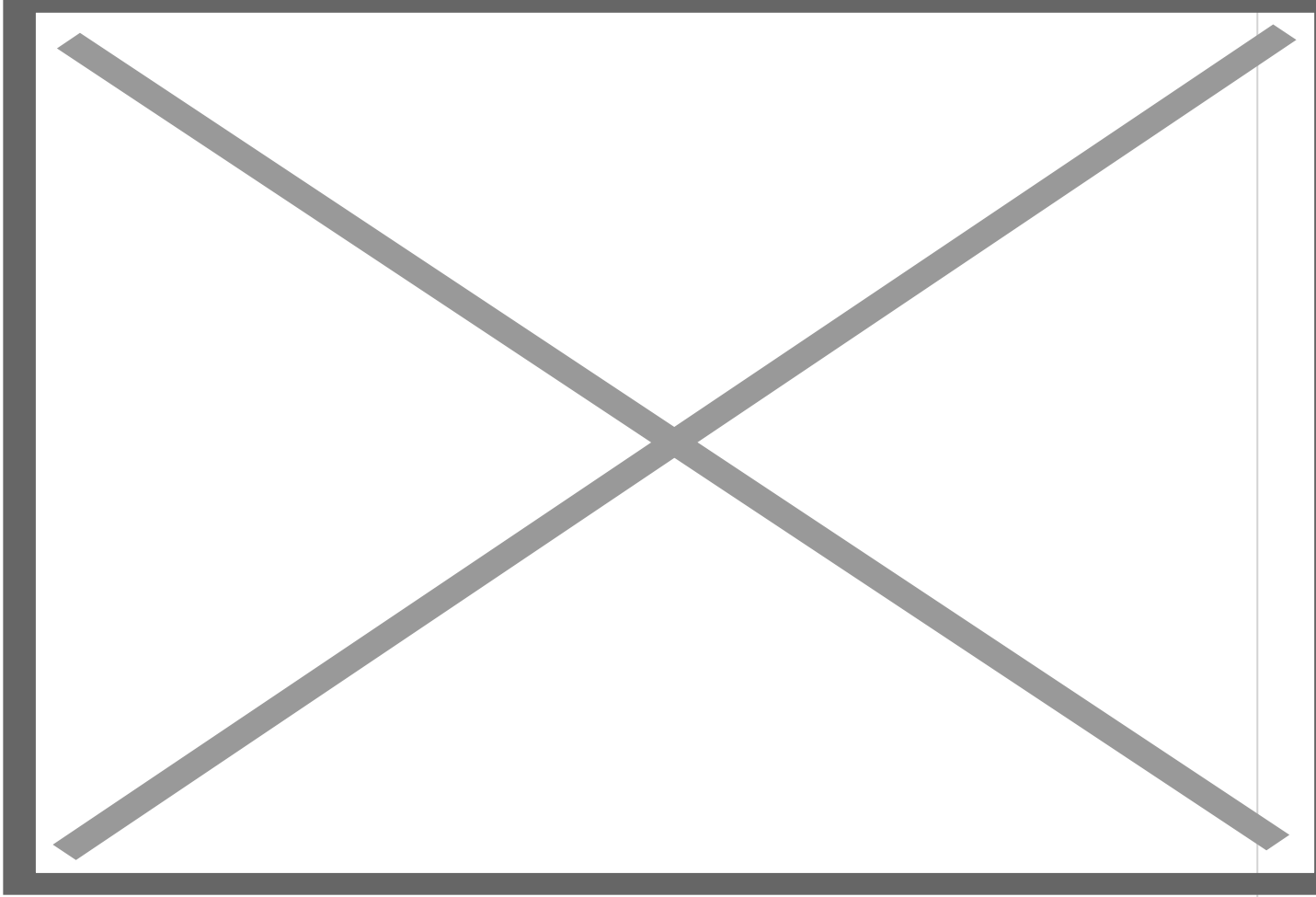


British prime minister visits Israel, pledging support for siege and bombardment of Gaza

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British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak asks what more can the UK do to help Tel Aviv in its aggression against Gaza.

Tel Aviv, October 19 (RHC)-- British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak is in Tel Aviv, where he was greeted by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Sunak said he believed Israel's military was "taking every precaution to avoid harming civilians." He made no mention of Israel's decision to cut off food, water, fuel and medicine to Gaza — a siege that's widely considered a breach of international law.

The British prime minister said he backed Israel's war against Hamas, becoming the latest in a train of Western leaders flying to Israel to show their support to the Zionist regime. Sunak and his government, he said, "absolutely support Israel to defend itself, to go after Hamas, to take back hostages, to deter further incursions, and to strengthen your security for the long term."

"I am proud to stand here with you in Israel's darkest hour as your friend," Sunak told Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in public remarks.

On Wednesday, President Joe Biden said Egypt and Israel had agreed to allow 20 humanitarian aid trucks through the Rafah border crossing into Gaza. The trucks aren't expected to arrive until Friday.

A spokesperson for the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said, "We're talking about two million people who are in need of everything, so 20 trucks will be a drop in the ocean."

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