

# *Spanish minister urges Europe to cut ties with Israel to end Gaza genocide*

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Spanish Minister of Social Rights, Ione Belarra. (File photo by EITB Media)

Madrid, October 30 (RHC)-- Spain's Minister of Social Rights, Ione Belarra, has called on European leaders to cut ties with Israel amid the regime's onslaught in the Gaza Strip. Belarra made the call in a video on X, formerly Twitter, in Spanish on Saturday slamming world leaders for allowing Israel to commit "crimes against humanity" with impunity.

"The Gaza Strip has experienced a hellish night. Israel is not only massively bombing an absolutely defenseless population which includes children, pregnant women, and older people, but also Israel has ended all communication. Internet, phone is cut in the Gaza Strip," she said.

She added that European countries' "inaction" is turning them into "accomplices in a planned genocide," adding that, since Israel's international alliances "guarantee its impunity" the regime is going ahead with its atrocities against Palestinians.

"Cut diplomatic ties with Israel, carry out exemplary economic sanctions against those responsible for this genocide, and without a doubt let's take [Israeli prime minister Benjamin] Netanyahu before the International Criminal Court so that he can be tried for what he is: a war criminal," Belarra added.

"We have to act now tomorrow will be late we have to do it today." She also called on the citizens of European countries to participate in pro-Palestine rallies in their cities to "end the genocide."

The Israeli regime is carrying out weeks-long strikes on Gaza, killing the people trapped in the besieged area, blocking humanitarian aid, water, food, fuel, and medicine to the blockaded region, after the Palestinian resistance movement Hamas launched Operation Al-Aqsa Storm on October 7 in a response to decades-long violence against Palestinians and recurrent incursions into al-Aqsa Mosque.

Despite the unconscionable toll, Tel Aviv has declared that the war has "entered a new phase." On Friday, the Zionist forces intensified air, sea and ground attacks on the Gaza Strip.

Numerous international aid agencies confirmed they lost contact with staff in Gaza after Israel knocked out internet and communications in the occupied lands. The death toll since the start of the Israeli carnage has surpassed 8,000 with upwards of 20,500 Palestinians wounded. A staggering 70 percent of casualties in Gaza are children, women, and the elderly.

The UN General Assembly called for an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza, with 120 states voting for the resolution. The Israelis, however, rejected the call.

The ongoing Israeli offensive has pushed the Gaza Strip to the brink of a humanitarian catastrophe, with hundreds of thousands of Palestinian civilians enduring immense suffering and loss.

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk also warned on Saturday that there was the potential for thousands more civilians to die if Israel pressed ahead with a ground offensive in Gaza.

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