

# *At the G7 Summit, Lula calls for an end to the genocidal war of aggression against Gaza*

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Rome, June 15 (RHC)-- Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva called this Friday for the end of Israel's war of aggression against Gaza, in which humanitarian law is clearly being violated.

During his speech at the G7 leaders' summit, held in the Italian region of Apulia, a group of the most industrialized countries in the world -- made up of Germany, Canada, the United States, France, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the European Union -- Lula once again criticized the military response of the Israeli government to the attacks carried out in October by the military wing of Hamas.

In the Gaza Strip, "we see the legitimate right of defense become the right of revenge. We face the daily violation of humanitarian law, which has affected thousands of innocent civilians, especially women and children." The Brazilian president noted: "This led us to support South Africa's decision to activate the International Court of Justice."

Previously, in February, the Brazilian president raised his tone against the Government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and compared the attacks in Gaza to the barbarism practiced by Adolf Hitler's Nazi Germany against the Jewish people during World War II.

Lula also reinforced the criticism and said that the actions of the Israeli government in that enclave constitute genocide.

During in his speech at the G7 summit, he reiterated that in the confrontation between Russia and Ukraine "it is clear that neither party will be able to achieve all of its objectives through military means."

He considered that "only an international conference that is recognized by the parties, in the molds of the proposal of Brazil and China, will make peace viable."

In another aspect of his speech, the president once again defended the proposal for a global tax on the super-rich, an idea advanced by Brazil's Minister of Finance Fernando Haddad at a recent meeting of the G20 (a group formed by the 19 largest economies in the world, and the African and European Unions), and in an appointment with Pope Francis, in the Vatican.

Lula da Silva emphasized his concern about climate change and called for greater control over artificial intelligence.

"In the digital area, we are experiencing unprecedented concentration in the hands of a small number of people and companies, based in an even smaller number of countries," Lula noted.

"We are interested in a safe, transparent and emancipatory Artificial Intelligence, that respects human rights, protects personal data and promotes the integrity of information. We must protect the capacities of States to adopt public policies for the environment and contribute to the energy transition."

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