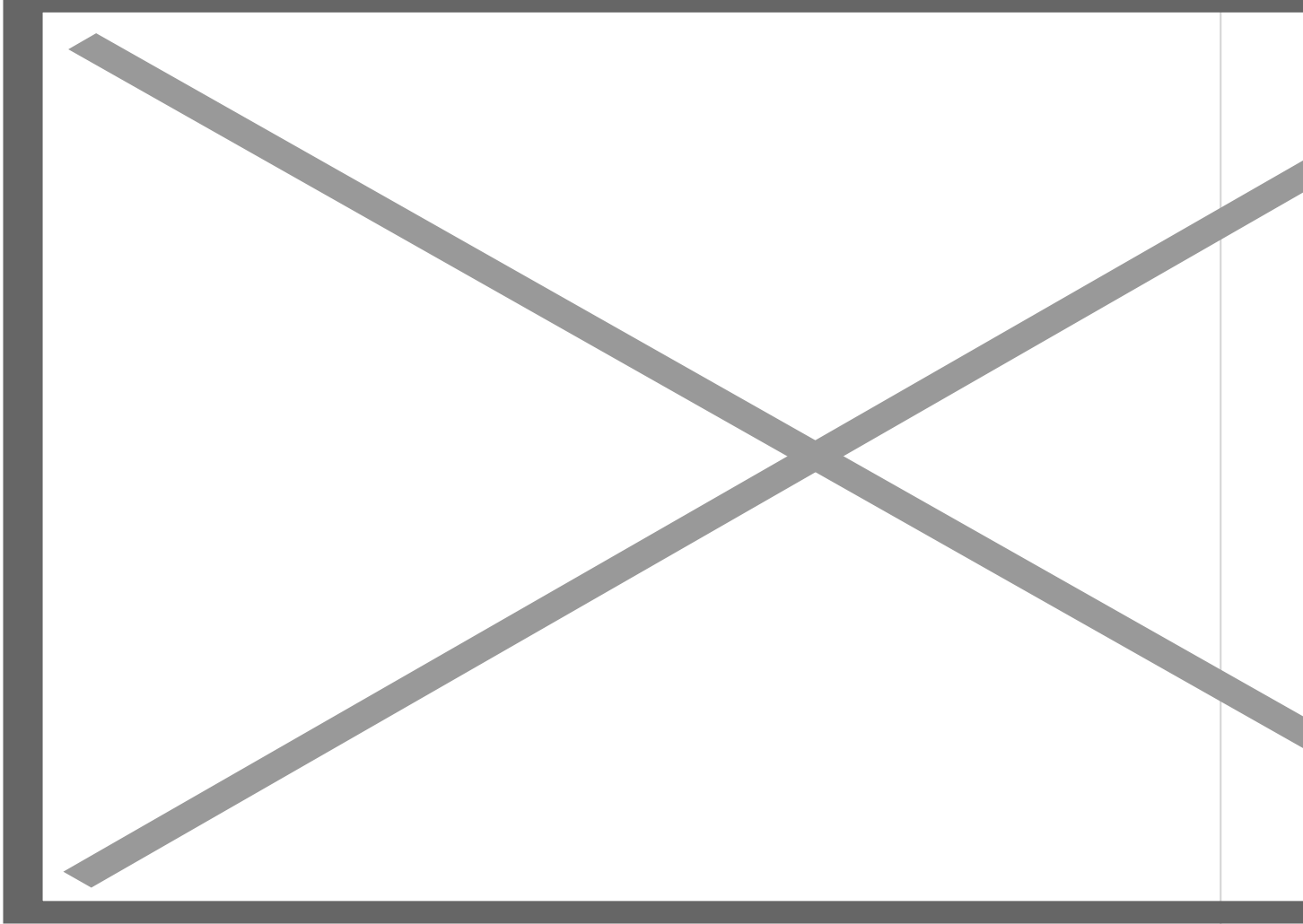# European Leaders split over response to Israel; Spanish lawmaker calls out Sánchez hypocrisy

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Rome, October 21 (RHC)-- Far-right Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni revealed that Italy has effectively had an arms embargo against Israel in place since its invasion of Gaza last year, with arms export licenses consistently denied.

Meanwhile, Ireland's leader Simon Harris said he's looking at ways to immediately impose trade sanctions on Israel, following a call by Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez on the European Commission to suspend the bloc's free trade agreement with Israel.

That drew accusations of hypocrisy from some Spanish lawmakers, who pointed to Spain's weapons deals with Israel since October 7th last year, worth one billion euros.

Spanish parliamentarian Ione Belarra, who addressed the Spanish parliament while holding a picture of the Palestinian student Sha'ban al-Dalou, who was burned to death in Israel's attack this week on Al-Aqsa Hospital in Gaza.

Ione Belarra said: "Last Sunday, Israel did this: They burned dozens of people alive in tents while they were taking refuge in a hospital. What is the difference between this and the Nazi gas chambers? I am asking you all, Mr. President. There is no difference. And we are complicit as a country in this genocide."

Sha'ban al-Dalou's younger brother Abdul Ruhman succumbed to his burn wounds earlier today.

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