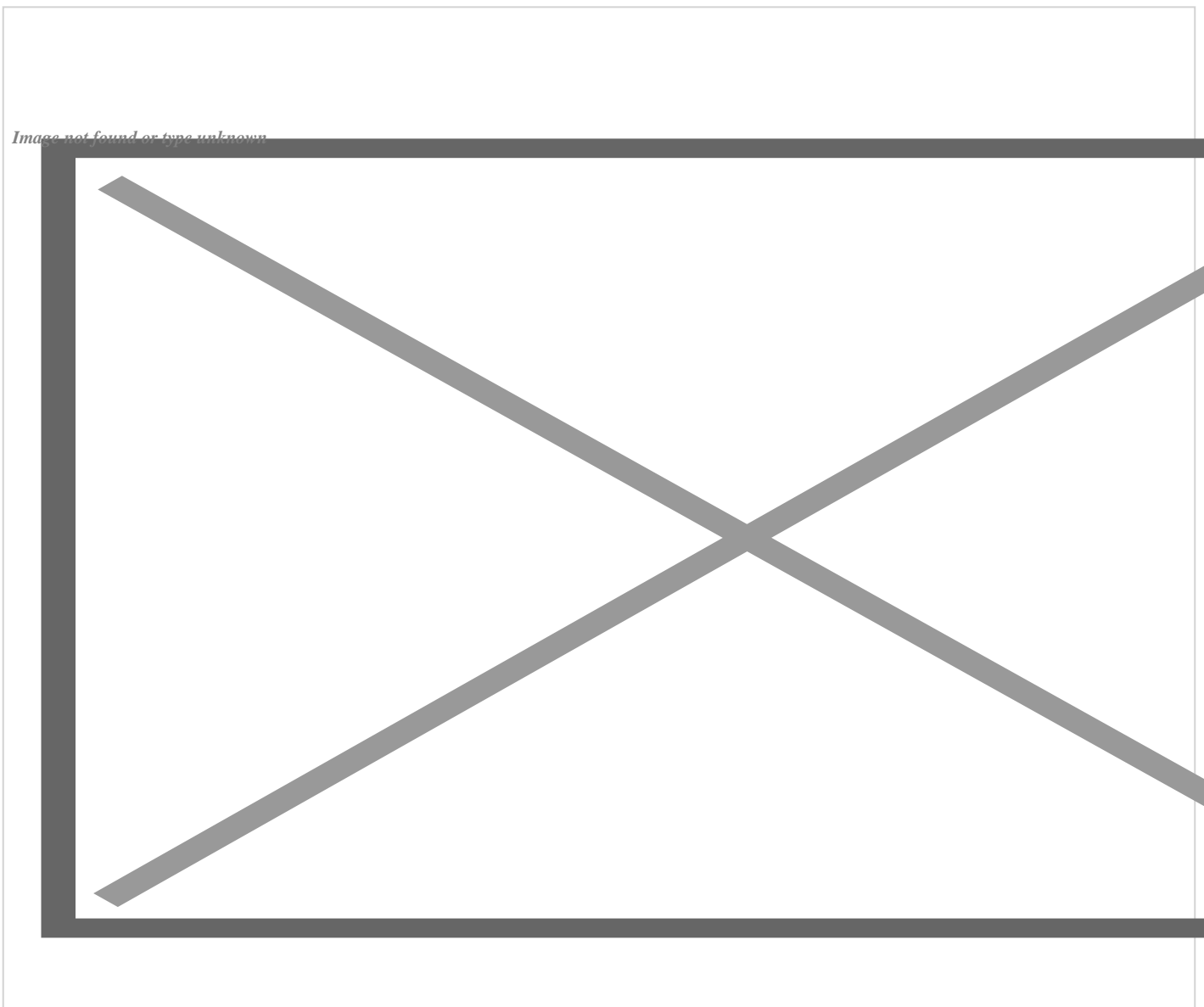


European Union committed to two-state-solution, rejects U.S. Gaza occupation plan



Brussels, February 9 (RHC)-- In the Middle East, the European Union is committed to a two-state-solution and has firmly rejected the plan to occupy Gaza and re-build the country without Palestinians.

After the United States helped to destroy most of Gaza's infrastructure, cause tens of thousands of deaths and create a horrific humanitarian crisis, it actually gets worse. Now the U.S. says it will take over the Gaza Strip and make good use of its real estate -- without Palestinians.

Rights groups say Trump's plan to displace Palestinians from Gaza and steal the enclave is a blueprint for ethnic cleansing. Even Washington's closest allies in the West are rejecting it.

Anouar El Anouni, EU foreign policy spokesperson, told reporters: "We took note of President Trump's comment. The European Union remains fully committed to the two-state solution, which we believe is the only path to a long term peace for both Israelis and Palestinians. And we have been clear Gaza is an integral part of a future Palestinian state."

Another member of the EU parliament said: "It's horrible. His [Trump's] rhetoric saying it's real estate, free real estate. We could build whatever we want on top of it. We can reconstruct them and kick them out into Egypt. It's horrible rhetoric."

Trump is accused of flouting international law, trampling on Palestinian rights and destabilizing the region. The willingness of the Israeli regime to entertain such a scheme only underscores its disregard for Palestinian sovereignty and human dignity, campaigners say.

Aodhan O Riordain, an Irish member of the European Parliament, told reporters: "The EU cannot just stand for our values when it is easy. It matters most when it comes at a cost, and standing up to Trump will come with a cost, but it is much less than the cost of letting this poison win."

"Gaza is not for sale."

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