



Israel - EU, growing tension as Gaza burns: over 50 dead in a single day

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The crisis between Israel and the European Community reaches a new breaking point as Israeli raids on the Gaza Strip continue unabated. In the last 24 hours, according to local medical sources, **at least 51 Palestinians have been killed since dawn**, including women and children caught in their sleep by tank shells against the tents of the displaced in the *Beach Camp* of Gaza City. The images released show lifeless bodies among the rubble and lines of desperate survivors searching for food and water, while the international community watches with growing indignation.

Europe condemns Israel and calls for a ceasefire

The European Union has raised its voice in unison: Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, called the images from Gaza “unbearable” and demanded **the immediate end of Israeli military operations**. A joint statement by 25 countries, including 17 EU members and 8 non-European nations, called for an immediate and permanent ceasefire.

Italy, through Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani, reiterated that *“there is no justification for what is happening: enough bombings, enough suffering for innocent civilians”*.

Israel rejects accusations and blames Hamas

Israel rejects the accusations and strikes back: **Foreign Minister Gideon Sa’ar accused Europe** of “falling for Hamas propaganda” and emphasized that Tel Aviv has already accepted a ceasefire, while *“Hamas continues to hold our citizens hostage and sabotage aid”*. Meanwhile, the humanitarian situation in Gaza is deteriorating. The UN estimates that almost 90% of the Strip has become an evacuation zone, with millions of people lacking access to essential services. Philippe Lazzarini, head of Unrwa, speaks of *“hell on earth”*, while Latin Patriarch Pierbattista Pizzaballa denounces a situation *“morally unacceptable”*.

A historical rift between Israel and the European Union

The rift between Israel and the European Community is not new: relations, since the 1970s, have oscillated between cooperation and conflict. Brussels has always recognized Israel's right to exist in security but has criticized the expansion of settlements in Palestinian territories and financially supported the Palestinian Authority, earning the hostility of part of the Israeli leadership. Today, while Washington remains firmly alongside Israel, **Europe seems divided between those calling for concrete measures against the Netanyahu government and those maintaining a more cautious stance**. Meanwhile, on the ground, the death toll continues to rise.

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