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The pressure from the United States administration led by Donald Trump on the Italian executive to send military contingents to the Gaza area – effectively summarized by the thrust "Send the Carabinieri to Gaza" – strongly reiterates a crucial theme for our Country's foreign and defense policy: the necessity of rigorous caution in the face of highly complex scenarios, in which Italy bears no direct causal responsibility.

Complex and unsolvable situations: the risk of cold involvement

The news and background information that has emerged in these days outline a picture in which Washington is pushing for an acceleration of timelines, closely tied to internal and international political dynamics – such as Benjamin Netanyahu's electoral campaign and the need to show concrete results for the controversial *Board of Peace*. However, **the prudence demonstrated**

by Palazzo Chigi and the persistent alarms raised by Italian intelligence reports **highlight an unambiguous reality**: the Gaza Strip remains a profoundly unstable, dangerous and unpredictable context.

Embarking on **missions whose legal and operational contours remain vague - from poorly defined chain of command to the total absence of clarity on applicable laws in case of police actions or arrests, passing through regional cross-vetoes** (such as the Israeli one on Turkish involvement) - means risking becoming bogged down in situations of impossible solution. Italy cannot afford to play a secondary role or to be subject to others' strategic agendas in theaters of crisis so delicate, where the risk of incidents and long-term involvement is exponentially high.



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The absolute priority: internal security and the essential role of the Carabinieri

To this is added an argument of **domestic and institutional order of primary importance**. The **primary and fundamental task of the Carabinieri Corps**, as well as of other police forces, is and must remain the guarantee of internal security, territorial control and the protection of citizens on national soil.

One cannot yield to the temptation to deploy such precious resources and expertise in high-risk overseas operations, forgetting that **the true priority for the State is the safeguard of legality and security within the nation's borders**. Replacing or flanking a structured and

efficient presence on Italian territory with the deployment abroad of personnel in contexts of open war or highly degraded post-conflict represents a strategic contradiction. Italy's strength lies in its capacity to stabilize internal borders and exercise balanced diplomacy, avoiding hasty actions that do not respond to the vital interests of the Country.

The line of firmness and rigorous examination followed by the Italian government thus appears to be the only wise one: in the face of external pressures pushing for rapid timelines and improvised solutions, national interest demands that the protection of the lives of our military personnel and the internal security of our Nation take precedence.