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# Guernica 1937 – Foreshadowing the global mass atrocities to come





## The Guernica b\*mbardement in 1937

On 26 April 1937, the Basque town of Guernica was aerially b\*mbed during the Spanish Civil W\*r. It was carried out at the behest of Francisco Franco's rebel Nationalist faction by its allies, the N\*zi German Luftwaffe's Condor Legion and the F\*scist Italian Aviazione Legionaria, under the code name Operation Rügen. The horror and devastation of the attack were masterfully captured by Pablo Picasso in his timeless painting on the event.



## Operation Rügen

Part of the [Spanish Civil War](#)



Ruins of Guernica (1937)



**The military operation proved an experimentory ground for the f\*scist forces of Europe and was foreshadowing much of what was to follow on a global scale. During the following Second World War two years later, military powers extended their attacks against civilians to an unprecedented scale.**



Almost 90 years later, the world again witnessed the horrors of a complete b\*mbardement and the devastation of G\*za.

Looking at history, this might be foreshadowing another culmination of mass vi\*lence on a global scale. It is upon us to prevent this from happening.

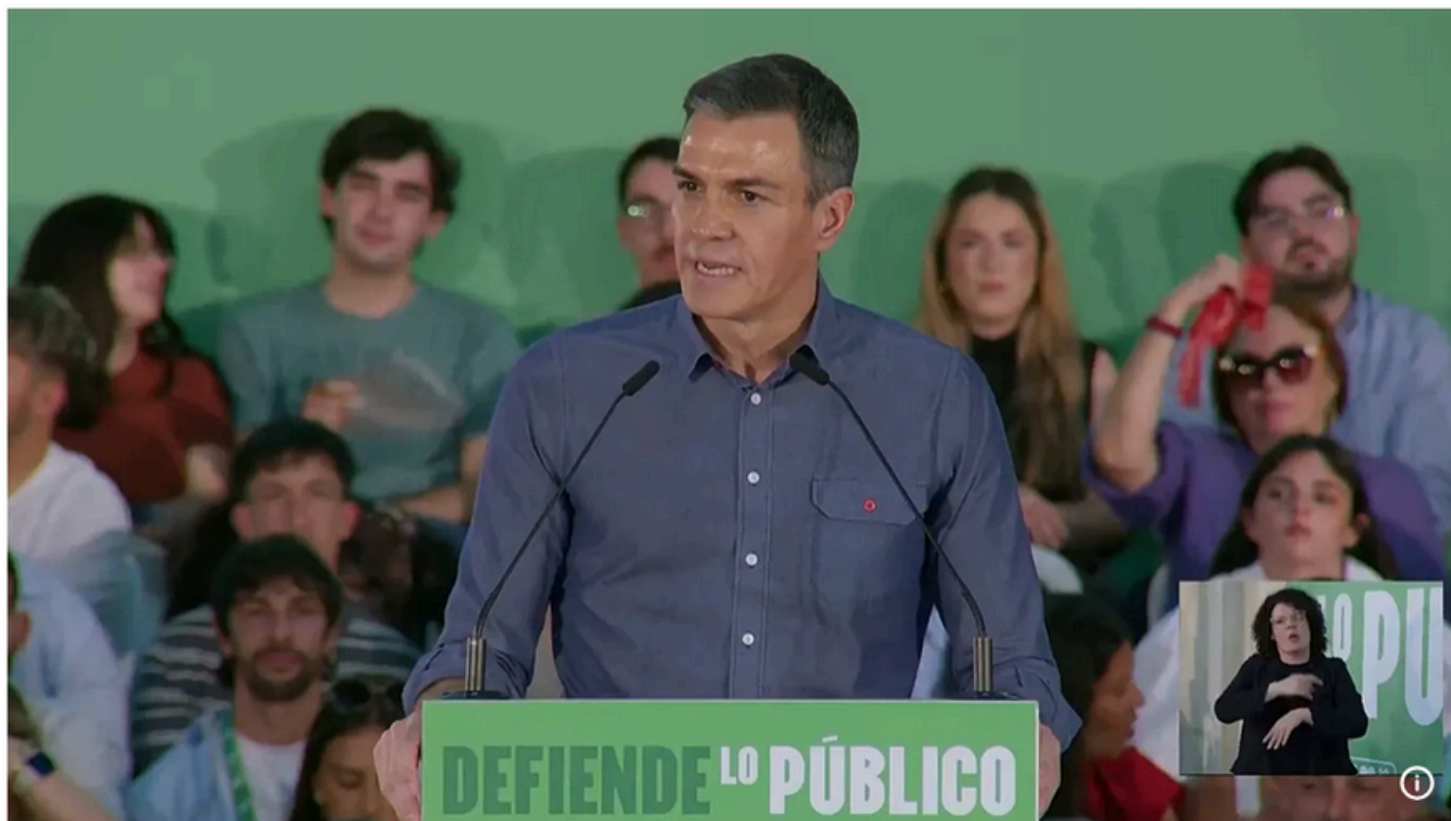


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Spain seems to have learned its lesson from the past, that a clear stance for International Law must prevent mass atrocities and w\*r crimes. When will Germany start to draw such lessons and act upon them to uphold and protect International Law?

**Spain's Sánchez urges EU to break Association Agreement with Israel within 48 hours**



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## Further Information and sources:

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