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Spain sends 200 tons of war material to Ukraine and will document war crimes

Visit of PM Pedro Sánchez to Kyiv

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USPA NEWS - Spain has launched what is to date the largest shipment of weapons to Ukraine. The Spanish Navy ship 'Ysabel' sails towards Poland with some 200 tons of material, including ammunition and a total of 40 trucks, 30 larger and 10 smaller and more agile. "It is the largest shipment made to date. More than double what was sent," said this Thursday in Kyiv the President of the Spanish Government, Pedro Sánchez, who traveled to Ukraine to meet with President Volodimir Zelensky and express Spanish support for Ukraine.

Until now, Spain had sent more than a dozen planes with defensive and humanitarian material, "light defensive weapons," according to the Spanish Government, because despite Zelensky's call for heavy weapons from the West, it was not included in the authorities' forecasts Spanish sending this material.

In his meeting with the President of the Spanish Government, the Ukrainian President Volodimir Zelensky demanded more promptness and heavy weapons from Western countries. "We are talking about defending our people. The material is not little, but right now it is not enough to defend ourselves from such a large military force and thousands and thousands of tanks and missiles. The missiles are flying all over the Ukrainian territory," he said the Ukrainian president. "We know that these weapons are going to be sent to us, but we need them to arrive as quickly as possible."

But Spain will not only provide heavy war material. Diplomatic gestures such as the immediate reopening of the Spanish Embassy in Kyiv are added to the efforts to support Ukraine. Similarly, the President of the Spanish Government, Pedro Sánchez, promised to "fight against impunity, the atrocities committed" by Russia, which "cannot remain unpunished," according to what he said. In this sense, the Spanish Government is going to send a multidisciplinary team of eight Police officers, together with a team of 46 forensic experts to work in the most affected areas, experts in field and laboratory work, in charge of the Spanish Ministry of Justice.

The objective of these teams is to "pursue those who are responsible for war crimes, genocides and crimes against humanity" that may have been committed. "The lack of impunity is a priority for Spain," said Pedro Sánchez. "Collect data and information to transfer them to the International Criminal Court and let it be the one that rules on whether they have been committed."

Before the meeting with Zelensky, the President of the Spanish Government traveled to the town of Borodyanka, on the outskirts of Kyiv, an area severely affected by the Russian attack, which has even been described as "the other Bucha," in allusion to the destruction and massacre caused by Russia. "Shocked to witness the horror and atrocities of Putin's war on the streets of Borodyanka. We will not leave the Ukrainian people alone," Pedro Sánchez wrote on his social networks.

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