
Sweden calls on EU to suspend trade pact with Israel



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Stockholm, July 31 (QNA)–Sweden on Thursday called on the EU to suspend the trade part of its association agreement with Israel over its conduct of the war in Gaza.

In a post on X platform, Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson said that the situation in Gaza is absolutely appalling, and Israel is failing to fulfill its most basic obligations and agreements on emergency aid. He added that Sweden therefore demands that the EU freeze the trade section of

the association agreement as soon as possible.

Kristersson called on the Israeli government to allow unhindered humanitarian aid into Gaza.

Dutch Foreign Minister Caspar Veldkamp said that the Netherlands would push to suspend the trade element of the EU-Israel Association Agreement if Israel fails to meet its humanitarian obligations.

An EU report, presented to the 27 member states at the end of June, found that Israel may have fallen short of its human rights obligations under its EU cooperation agreement.