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Dutch foreign minister quits over Israel

Coalition government partners refused to back Caspar Veldkamp's call for punitive measures against the Jewish state over the Gaza conflict



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Dutch Foreign Minister Caspar Veldkamp has stepped down in protest over the coalition government's refusal to impose sanctions on Israel for its actions in Gaza.

The resignation of Veldkamp, along with the country's Minister for Foreign Trade Hanneke Boerma, has reduced the Dutch caretaker government to holding just 32 out of 150 seats.

In a statement on Saturday the foreign ministry said that *"after a meeting of the cabinet on the situation in Gaza,"* the Social Contract (NSC) party, of which both officials are members, decided to withdraw from the caretaker

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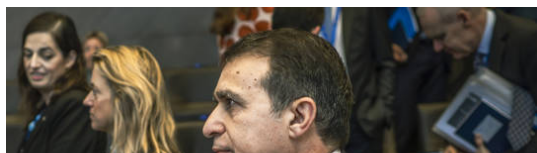
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Veldkamp, who previously served as Dutch ambassador to Israel, had advocated a ban on imports from Israeli settlements in occupied Palestinian territories in response to Israel's continued military offensive in Gaza.

In a statement on its website on Friday, the party said that it had sought *"additional measures"* against Israel in light of the *"increasingly deteriorating humanitarian situation in Gaza."* However, the other two coalition partners refused to back sanctions, prompting the NSC to pull out in protest.



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On Thursday, the Netherlands, along with 20 other nations, signed a joint declaration condemning Israeli plans to build an illegal settlement in the occupied West Bank. Last month, Amsterdam declared

two hardline Israeli ministers persona non grata.

Back in June, Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Manuel Albares called on the EU to *"immediately suspend"* the EU-Israel association agreement and impose a ban on arms sales to Israel.

In light of the ongoing Israeli military operation in Gaza, a growing number of traditionally pro-Israel Western countries, including France and the UK, have expressed in recent months a readiness to officially recognize Palestinian statehood.

Earlier this week, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) announced the start of an operation to take full control of Gaza City.

The conflict erupted after a Hamas incursion into southern Israel on October 7, 2023, which left about 1,200 people dead and 250 taken hostage. According to Gaza's Hamas-controlled Health Ministry, more than 62,000 people, most of them civilians, have been killed

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What is the matter with the Dutch? Have they already forgotten the suffering under the Nazis?

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S **Sausages** 8/24/2025 at 6:25 PM ↑ **3**


Nazi is an abbreviation of the word AshkeNAZI. So you are correct, the Dutch did suffer under nazism.

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A **Armed Lunatic** 8/26/2025 at 9:09 PM ↑ **0**

Nazi is you Nazi! You are the master race!!! yippee

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 **Carlton Moore Robinson** 8/24/2025 at 7:55 AM **4**

Tenet of all Abrahamic religiosity is «though shall not kill.» So, who are these beings that slaughter, starve to death and enforces cannibalism of the dead that mothers could have substances to keep babies alive. Who is this NATO that carries out this demonic infant blood that nurtures future golf courses sadism and witchcraft.

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Synagogue of satan.

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Judged by a Nazi! Sure why not. And maybe this Ukraine war is all about democracy, and not Germany in need of resources. Biggest mass

murders in the history of humanity here on R I
telling us what's up. Because history hasn't already
spoken.

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A **Armed Lunatic** 8/26/2025 at 9:06 PM ↑ **-1**

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R **Rick James** 8/26/2025 at 3:10 PM **1**

This man deserves the Nobel peace prize more than
Trump.

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