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## Spanish ministers of Interior and Justice travel to the Palestinian Territories

### To strengthen police cooperation

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**USPA NEWS** - The Spanish Interior Minister Jorge Fernandez Diaz, and Justice Minister Rafael Catala, starting this weekend a two-day to the Palestinian Territories and Israel, where they will meet with the heads on security and justice.

These meetings will help to strengthen cooperative relations in the Police and Justice between Spain, Israel and Palestine area. In what will be his first visit to the Palestinian Territories, Fernandez Diaz and Catala will meet this Saturday, July 4, in Ramallah with the Prime Minister of the Palestinian National Authority and Interior Minister Rami Hamdallah, and the Minister of Justice Saleem Al Saqqa. Since 2008, Spain has contributed 9.46 million Euro for institutional strengthening and equipment of the Palestinian Civil Police fostering good governance and respect for human rights with the aim of improving the delivery of services to citizens.

Today, Spain's relations with the Palestinian Territories in the field of Interior are part of the participation of experts from the Security Forces of the State and members of the security forces of the Palestinian Authority in various projects the European Union and the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation for Development (AECID) of the Palestinian territories are beneficiaries.

In addition, Fernandez Diaz inaugurated in Jericho a Police station, whose construction was funded by the AECID, and visit the Liaison Office of the European Union to support the Palestinian police (EUPOL COPPS), which are intended an inspector chief of the National Police and Civil Guard captain. These events also attending the Justice Minister Rafael Catala.

### High-level meetings in Israel

On Sunday July 5, Jorge Fernandez Diaz will be in Israel, a country visit for the third time since becoming interior minister, which shows not only the fluidity and regularity of its relations with the Israeli authorities, but also the active cooperation Police that Spain has with Israel stretching from the fight against crime in its various forms to matters of Civil Protection. This collaboration is channeled through the Spanish-Israeli Joint Committee, which along this legislature has met alternately in Israel and Spain.

Interior Minister remain in Jerusalem high-level meetings. One will be with the president of Israel, Reuven Revlin, and another with the national security adviser, Yossi Cohen. With both, in addition to the regional situation in the Middle East, issues relating to the fight against jihadist terrorism and violent radicalization will address. These meetings also attended by the Minister Catala.

The Interior minister trip to Israel will be completed with two other important meetings. On the one hand, with Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister, Silvan Shalom, and secondly, with Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan. The purpose of these meetings, as both ministers are part of the new Government emerged from parliamentary elections last March, is to continue the excellent relationship that existed with the ancestors Shalom and Erdan, and address bilateral relations in the field of Interior and issues of mutual interest such as the fight against jihadist terrorism and violent radicalization.

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