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## **FRENCH MFA J. NOEL BARROT MEET WITH SPANISH COUNTERPART J. MANUEL ALBARES BUENO**

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We publish the full joint communique, as it was delivered by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 25 January 2025 "Spain – Meeting between the Minister and his counterpart, José Manuel Albares Bueno"

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The ministers discussed current international issues. They notably highlighted the importance of strengthening European and international support for Ukraine, which is defending its territorial integrity in the face of Russia's war of aggression.

They welcomed the conclusion of a ceasefire agreement and the release of hostages in Gaza, which should constitute the first step towards a lasting settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, in accordance with international law. They reviewed the political transition process in Syria. The two ministers stressed the important role of UNIFIL in contributing to the stability of Lebanon." Source: French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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