

# The United Nations envoy for Western Sahara meets with the leader of the Polisario Front

The United Nations envoy to Western Sahara concluded a two-day visit to refugee camps in Tindouf, Algeria on Sunday.

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Staffan de Mistura (left) met on Sunday with the leader of the Polisario Front, Brahim Ghali (right). AFP - -

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After the one in January, this is the second visit of Staffan de Mistura to the region since he was appointed in November. He also visited Morocco in July. On his visit on Saturday and Sunday: meetings with representatives of the Polisario Front, the pro-independence activist movement that is calling for a referendum on self-determination for Western Sahara.

Staffan de Mistura met for talks with the leader of the Polisario Front, Brahim Ghali, on Sunday after meeting with other representatives of the independence movement the day before. A private meeting, according to the Algerian news agency APS, mainly to prepare a report that will be presented to the UN Security Council in the coming weeks.

Before this visit, the United Nations spokesperson noted that Staffan de Mistura "was looking forward to intensifying consultations with all parties involved regarding the prospect of continuing the political process in Western Sahara".

The region, which the United Nations considers "non-independent", and where the Polisario Front movement, supported by Algeria, has been fighting for decades against Moroccan forces, demanding a referendum on self-determination, while Morocco, proposing the plan of self-government under his authority.

On Sunday evening, Oubi Bouchraya, member of the Polisario Front leadership in the European region and the European Union, confirmed

that their party is committed to facilitating the work of the United Nations envoy, while continuing to defend the right to self-determination for the region.

The UN envoy to Western Sahara is set to continue his visit in Algiers today, then head to Nouakchott, Mauritania, on Saturday.