

# Israel links Western Sahara move to Morocco hosting Negev Forum

*Israel says its decision on Morocco's claim over the Western Sahara to be made at forum delayed by North African nation.*

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, left, and Moroccan Foreign Minister Nasser Bourita give remarks at the Negev Summit in Sde Boker, Israel, on March 28, 2022 [File: Jacquelyn Martin/Pool via Reuters]

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Israel has linked its pending decision on recognising Morocco's claim on the Western Sahara to the North African nation hosting a repeatedly postponed forum of foreign ministers involved in a United States-sponsored regional normalisation drive.

“We are right now working in regards to this issue, and our plan is to have our final decision in the Negev Forum,” Israeli Foreign Minister Eli Cohen told reporters on Monday, adding that he expected the Moroccan-hosted event to take place in September or October.