



Spaniards take to the streets to demand their country back

Thousands of furious residents [poured](#) into the streets of Spain's North African exclave of Ceuta on Sunday, declaring "enough" after a massive wave of illegal migrants poured across the border from Morocco and overwhelmed the small territory.

Between 5,000 and 10,000 people joined the demonstration, according to police and organizer estimates, in a remarkable show of unity against Socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez and his government's handling of the border crisis.

The protest came after reports that as many as 70,000 illegal migrants crossed into Ceuta from Morocco in a single day earlier this month.

That figure is extraordinary for a territory with a population of roughly 87,000.

Residents made clear Sunday that they have had enough.

"Sánchez resign," "Spanish Ceuta," "Enough is enough" and "Ceuta does not give up" were among the chants ringing through the streets, [according](#) to El Mundo.

The backlash cut across Ceuta's usual political and cultural divisions. Christian, Muslim, Jewish and Hindu communities reportedly joined neighborhood associations in organizing the demonstration, presenting a united front as residents demanded that Madrid regain control of the border.

Ramesh Chandiramani, president of Ceuta's Hindu Community, delivered a joint manifesto on behalf of the city's major religious groups with a blunt opening declaration: "Ceuta is Spain."

"We are Ceutíes. We are Spanish. And we defend our Spanishness from unity, from coexistence and from mutual respect," Chandiramani told the crowd.

The manifesto described the migrant crisis as "extraordinarily critical" and said Ceuta had suffered "a violation of territorial integrity," demanding "immediate, decisive, and proportionate" action from both the Spanish government and European Union.

"Ceuta cannot face alone a situation that far exceeds its capabilities and that affects the whole of Spain and Europe," the statement said.

The border chaos has put renewed scrutiny on Sánchez's immigration agenda and Spain's increasingly strained border-enforcement system.

The mass crossing followed a Spanish Supreme Court ruling preventing authorities from immediately pushing back migrants who arrive by sea. Critics contend the ruling created an easily exploited loophole along Ceuta's border with Morocco, where migrants can enter the water before reaching Spanish territory and then claim to have arrived by sea.

The crisis also comes as Sánchez's Socialist government advances a sweeping immigration amnesty that could grant legal status to potentially hundreds of thousands of illegal migrants already inside Spain. Opponents warn the policy will create yet another incentive for illegal migration while eventually allowing considerably more migrants to enter through family reunification.

VOX leader Santiago Abascal has accused Sánchez of going far beyond simple incompetence.

Abascal is calling for the prime minister to be investigated for "possible crimes of treason" over the government's failure to stop tens of thousands of migrants from entering Spanish territory.

He has urged parliament to invoke a constitutional provision that could allow Spain's Supreme Court to investigate the Sánchez government.

"Pedro Sánchez's betrayal of the Spanish people must be brought before the courts," Abascal said.

Sunday's massive turnout showed just how deeply the border crisis has rattled Ceuta.