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GERMAN CHANCELLOR DEFENDS DECISION TO HALT ARMS EXPORTS TO ISRAEL

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Solidarity with Israel doesn't mean Germany approves of every decision it makes or will give it military support in the form of weapons, says Friedrich Merz

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz on Sunday defended his decision to halt certain arms exports to Israel amid strong criticism from within his own Christian Democratic Union (CDU) party.

Germany has a disagreement with Israeli on this issue, Merz told public broadcaster ARD, but a friendship must withstand critical voices.

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