
BULGARIA WINS EUROVISION 2026 AMID PROTESTS ABOUT ISRAEL'S PARTICIPATION

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Bulgaria won the 2026 Eurovision Song Contest on Saturday as the competition in Austria was overshadowed by protests, boycotts and demonstrations linked to Israel's participation amid the war in the Gaza Strip.

The final of the 70th Eurovision Song Contest was held at Vienna's Wiener Stadthalle arena, where Bulgarian singer Dara secured first place with the song "Bangaranga," earning 516 points from juries and viewers.

Israel finished second with 343 points, while Romania placed third with 296 points.

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