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Morocco says incoming abortion ship illegal

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RABAT, Morocco (AP) — Officials say a Dutch ship promoting safe abortions set to dock in Morocco on Thursday is operating outside the law.

The ministers told The Associated Press Wednesday the boat has not followed proper procedures to land in Morocco, suggesting it might not be allowed to do that.

Interior Minister Mohend Laenser said they had not been informed of the ship's arrival and "a boat we don't know or why it is coming, I don't know what we can do."

Education Minister Lahcen Daoudi said all boats coming to Morocco must obey the law and security forces will "apply law on everything to do with the boat."

The Dutch "Women on Waves" ship was invited by a Moroccan women's group to raise awareness and support efforts to legalize abortion in Morocco.

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