# 'No fights, drugs, caps, flip-flops or queers'. Torremolinos nightclub sparks outrage with door policy



A nightclub in Torremolinos, located in southern Spain and owned by an individual of Moroccan descent from Nador, has ignited considerable controversy following a promotional announcement that explicitly banned entry to 'maricones', an insulting term for gay men. The announcement, laden with discriminatory language, has provoked outrage from local residents and human rights advocates, who have condemned it as a violation of both equality and anti-hate legislation, particularly in a city renowned for its welcoming stance towards the LGBTQ+ community.

Mayor Margarita del Cid publicly denounced the nightclub's announcement, labelling it a "blatant violation of the values the city represents." She asserted that Torremolinos will continue to be a place characterised by peaceful coexistence and a celebration of diversity. Del Cid further warned that if evidence of discriminatory practices were found, the club could face closure.

In response to the incident, the Andalusian government has initiated a formal investigation and is considering legal action against the establishment, emphasising that such behaviours are intolerable in a society striving to uphold individual rights and protect people from discrimination. Human rights organisations have echoed these sentiments, urging solidarity within the community and a firm response to combat any form of hate.

Legal analysts suggest that the nightclub could encounter severe financial repercussions, including hefty fines and administrative sanctions, if it is substantiated that it disseminated discriminatory materials or engaged in discriminatory practices against patrons. The developments have sparked a robust discussion across various media platforms and social networks. Activists have called for more stringent repercussions for establishments engaging in such violations, underscoring the necessity for diligent enforcement of anti-hate laws to prevent future incidents.

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