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Abortion Providers at Sea Blocked From Morocco

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Dutch abortion-activists-at-sea Women on Waves were blocked from docking in international waters outside Smir, Morocco, where abortion is illegal, to provide medical abortions for women up to six and a half weeks pregnant, [reports the BBC](#). The Moroccan government shut down the port for undisclosed military reasons as an anti-abortion protest formed at the docks. The group still plans on dispensing information about [how women can perform self-abortions](#) — also illegal — using a drug sold over the counter for ulcers. Women on Waves was invited to Morocco, its first Muslim country, by a youth group called, fittingly, “Alternative Movement for Individual Freedoms.” In [The Daily Beast reporter Michelle Goldberg's explainer](#) on Women on Waves, founder Rebecca Gomperts said, “We never see abortion as an isolated issue. It’s part of the fundamental human right of autonomy and sexual freedom.”

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