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Pamplona start their Sanfermines 25, the most international Spanish festivities

Nine days of festivities

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USPA NEWS - Pamplona, ??a city of just over 203,000 inhabitants located in Northern Spain, capital of a region bordering France, exploded this Sunday at the start of its most international festivities: the Sanfermines 2025. Tens of thousands of Pamplona residents and visitors, including many Americans, gathered at midday in the Town Hall Square to witness the Chupinazo, the firing of the rocket that marks the start of the festivities.

Ahead lies a week of enjoyment, with daily Encierros, the procession of the patron Saint through the streets of the city center, concerts, bullfights, and, above all, drinking and enjoying good food. If the weather is good, as is expected in July, the San Fermin festivities will shine like a beacon, attracting visitors from all over the world.

With a few exciting seconds of waiting, the Chupinazo announced this midday, with its roar, the beginning of the San Fermin 2025 festivities. Dyna Kharrat Juanbeltz, representative of Yala Nafarroa with Palestine, was in charge of lighting the fuse of the most anticipated rocket of the year, opening with it nine days of festivities. Kharrat was accompanied on the balcony of the Town Hall by Lidón Soriano Segarra and Eduardo Ibero Albo, who took the floor to invite the citizens to the celebration with the words "Iruindarrak! Pamplonas, Pamplonases, Long live San Fermín! Gora San Fermín!"

The three representatives of the Yala Nafarroa with Palestine platform were accompanied by the Mayor of Pamplona, ??Joseba Asiron Saez, on the balcony of Town Hall where, after launching the firecracker, they tied their scarves around their necks. The first shot was followed by others, under the direction of Andrea López Lana, the head of the Fireworks Festival, who for the past seven years has been in charge of placing and supervising the rockets used in the Chupinazo.

A packed Town Hall Square welcomed the start of the festivities with singing. In the Town Hall Entrance, txistularis from different parts of Navarre and the Basque Country, along with La Pamplonesa, played in unison the "Biribilketa" by Gainza, the traditional soundtrack for the start of the festivities. Afterward, in the center of the square, they performed the traditional "Aguar jaunak." After them, the bagpipers took over, thrilling the thousands of people gathered there.

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