

**Question for written answer E-001939/2024**

**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

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Subject: Israel's murderous operations in the West Bank

A new cycle of barbarous attacks against Palestinians in the West Bank has been launched by the occupying state, Israel, in conjunction with the massacre and genocide of the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip, using tanks, drones and helicopters.

The Israeli army attack has left a large number of Palestinians in the West Bank dead and wounded, while Israeli settlers are carrying out murderous attacks. In the Gaza Strip, the Israeli Army has killed more than 40 000 Palestinians, and the number of those wounded has risen to more than 94 000. Incalculable damage has been done to buildings. In many cases, it has not even been possible to provide health care, and the population are stricken by hunger, thirst and disease.

Israel's aggression is supported by the EU, the United States and NATO, which defend Israel's so-called 'right to defend itself', equating the perpetrator with the victim.

Israel's aim is to expel the Palestinians from their territories by force and maintain the barbaric occupation.

Will the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy state what his position is on the following matters:

1. the unacceptable escalation of Israeli atrocities against Palestinians following the recent military operations in the West Bank aimed at permanently expelling the Palestinians from their territories;
2. the call for condemnation of the criminal policy of Israel, which has murdered thousands of Palestinians, and for the ending of the EU's economic, political and military cooperation with it?

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