

Question for written answer E-002364/2024/rev.1

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

Rule 144

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Subject: War in the Middle East

A year ago, on 7 October 2023, Hamas launched a terrorist attack on Israel that continues to this day, with thousands of civilians losing their lives and with the intensity of the armed conflict in the Middle East continuing unabated. Israel's military attacks against Lebanon, Iran's retaliation against Israel, etc. show a clear escalation in the war. Thousands of civilians – a big proportion of them defenceless children and women¹ – have met tragic deaths, over a million people have been displaced as a result of the conflict, 300 000 children have died because of the horrific, among other things, food shortage and the rapid spread of disease².

In light of the above, the Vice-President /High Representative is asked:

1. What steps does the Vice-President /High Representative plan to take to protect the human rights of civilian populations and address the humanitarian crisis in the areas affected?
2. Does it plan to take decisive initiatives for hostilities to cease and peace to be restored in the Middle East and, if so, how exactly will it achieve this?

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¹ <https://businessvoice.gr/diethni/790720/livanos-pano-apo-419-000-oi-ektopismenoi-synechizetai-to-sfyrokopima-apo-to-israil/>

² <https://unric.org/en/>