

Question for written answer E-001305/2025

to the Commission

Rule 144

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Subject: Israel steps up its ethnic cleansing of the occupied territories: agency established to deport the Palestinian population to third countries

On 23 March 2025, Israel's security cabinet authorised the establishment of an agency to deport residents of Palestine, as part of Israel's ethnic cleansing of the occupied territories.

According to Defence Minister Israel Katz, this agency was created 'in accordance with the vision of the US President', in other words as a tool to implement Trump's proposed plan to 'clean out' Gaza and turn it into an international holiday paradise.

The agency's role is thus to carry out acts that the International Criminal Court's Rome Statute describes as war crimes, i.e. illegal population transfers and/or deportations.

Deporting people from occupied territories is explicitly prohibited by the 1949 Geneva Convention and is a gross violation of human rights that goes against the EU-Israel Association Agreement, which, inexplicably, the EU has not revoked. In view of this:

1. What is the Vice-President/High Representative's view on the establishment of this agency, whose stated objective is to transfer the population of an occupied territory to third countries?
2. Will she convey to the Israeli Government the EU's opposition to the establishment of an agency to fragment and displace the Palestinian people, violating their right to live in their own territory?
3. What circumstances and human rights violations would have to occur for her to call for the EU-Israel Association Agreement to be suspended?

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