

**Question for written answer E-003071/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Israel's detention of Palestinians and the EU's role in potential violations of international law

According to reports published in The Guardian on 7 July 2025¹, the Israel Defense Forces are planning to establish a city, in practice a detention camp, on the ruins of Rafah in southern Gaza. The Israeli military is to secure the area, while no humanitarian aid will be provided. Inhabitants brought into the area will reportedly not be allowed to leave, which, according to international law experts, may amount to collective punishment, imprisonment and, potentially, crimes against humanity.

Israel is an occupying power and has clear obligations under international law.

In the light of the above:

1. Does the Commission consider the reported planned forced displacement and confinement of Palestinians compatible with Israel's obligations under Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement?
2. What measures does the Commission intend to take to ensure that Israel complies with international law and its obligations thereunder?
3. How does the Commission ensure that the EU and its Member States fulfil their lawful obligations, particularly those set out in rulings, decisions and opinions from the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice, including the principle that states must not contribute to or facilitate genocide through complicity?

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¹ <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/jul/07/israeli-minister-reveals-plan-to-force-population-of-gaza-into-camp-on-ruins-of-rafah>.