

**Question for written answer E-003559/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Human rights violations in the occupied West Bank and the need to strengthen the protection of artists, journalists and activists

According to media reports¹, the Israeli army has raided Oscar-winning Palestinian director Basel Adra's home in the village of At-Tuwani in the south of the occupied West Bank, following attacks by Israeli settlers on his family members. Since then, his whereabouts has remained unknown. This incident highlights the increasing tension and the systematic violations of human rights faced by Palestinian citizens, in violation of international law and the fundamental values of the European Union.

The EU has established the Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime (Regulation (EU) 2020/1998 and Decision (CFSP) 2020/1999), while the protection of human dignity, freedom of expression and security of citizens is enshrined in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

In light of the above, can the Commission say:

1. Does it intend to consider activating the global sanctions regime for individuals and bodies responsible for human rights violations in the occupied West Bank?
2. What initiatives does it plan to take, in cooperation with the European External Action Service, to strengthen the protection of artists, journalists and activists in conflict areas?
3. Does it intend to strengthen mechanisms for monitoring and reporting human rights violations, promoting transparency and accountability in line with EU policies and values?

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¹ <https://gr.euronews.com/2025/09/14/dytikh-oxthi-israhlinh-epidromh-skhnnotheths-brabeymenos-oskar-mpasel-antra>