

Question for written answer E-004807/2025

to the Commission

Rule 144

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Subject: Demolition of the ‘Operazione Colomba’ guest house in At-Tuwani, in the hills south of Hebron

Since 2004, ‘Operazione Colomba’ – a non-violent peace corps of the Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII (‘Pope John XXIII Community’) – has had a presence in the Palestinian village of At-Tuwani, in the hills south of Hebron (area C), where it works in support of the civilian population and peaceful coexistence.

On 29 September 2025, the Israeli Supreme Court dismissed the appeal against the demolition order of the At-Tuwani guest house, which is run by the organisation’s volunteers, and ordered that the demolition go ahead within 15 days. This structure was built in accordance with the Israeli zoning plan and is a focal point for the local community and many international delegations.

The decision aggravated tensions in the area, which was already the scene of increasing violence by Israeli settlers and illegal settlement expansion, in violation of international law and the Oslo Accords.

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission aware of this decision and does it intend to raise the issue with the Israeli authorities?
2. What action will the Commission take to prevent the demolition and protect human rights defenders, including European volunteers working in the area?

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