

**Question for written answer E-004885/2025**

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

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Subject: Four international activists assaulted by extremist Israeli settlers near Jericho (West Bank)

On 30 November, around ten Israeli extremists attacked three Italian and one Canadian activist near Ein al-Duyuk<sup>1</sup> in the West Bank in Palestine. The masked attackers (some of whom were armed) raided the building where the volunteers were sleeping and proceeded to strike them in the face, chest and other sensitive areas and steal some of their possessions, including identity papers and phones.

Incidents like this are testament to the increasingly violent tactics adopted by groups of extremist settlers, who have also stepped up their attacks in recent months. A number of sources have identified the Hilltop Youth as one of the groups most involved in planning and carrying out attacks for the purposes of intimidation<sup>2</sup>. It should be kept in mind that this organisation is already listed under the EU Global Human Rights Sanctions Regime because of the serious human rights abuses it has committed<sup>3</sup>.

Given the foregoing:

1. Is the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy aware of the incident described above?
2. Given the Hilltop Youth's organisational structure and the fact that it systematically plans and carries out violent attacks, is the VP/HR considering initiating the procedure to classify this entity as a terrorist group, a move that would be consistent with previous sanctions?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.repubblica.it/esteri/2025/11/30/news/cisgiordania\\_tre\\_italiani\\_feriti\\_da\\_coloni\\_israeliani-425012267/](https://www.repubblica.it/esteri/2025/11/30/news/cisgiordania_tre_italiani_feriti_da_coloni_israeliani-425012267/).

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.corriere.it/esteri/25\\_luglio\\_03/tra-i-giovani-delle-colline-gli-ortodossi-piu-estremisti-che-vogliono-cacciare-tutti-i-palestinesi-abbiamo-il-diritto-di-ucciderli-be9110d5-f814-4883-87e8-98f0fbf0cx1k.shtml](https://www.corriere.it/esteri/25_luglio_03/tra-i-giovani-delle-colline-gli-ortodossi-piu-estremisti-che-vogliono-cacciare-tutti-i-palestinesi-abbiamo-il-diritto-di-ucciderli-be9110d5-f814-4883-87e8-98f0fbf0cx1k.shtml).

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2024/04/19/extremist-settlers-in-the-occupied-west-bank-and-east-jerusalem-council-sanctions-four-individuals-and-two-entities-over-serious-human-rights-abuses-against-palestinians/>