

Question for written answer E-004923/2025

to the Commission

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Subject: Family reunification decisions issued in the EU and involving children trapped in Gaza

The European Network of Ombudspersons for Children recently published its statement¹ regarding children who are still trapped in Gaza despite positive family reunification decisions issued by Member States. The statement reiterates the horrible conditions in Gaza and highlights UNICEF's findings, which indicate that more than 50 000 children have reportedly been killed or injured since October 2023.

Given that the family reunification decisions are not being implemented, children still remain in Gaza and are deprived of their families and safety, as, apparently, there are no organised interventions and coordination between Member States and stakeholders to identify these children and ensure their safe evacuation from the area.

In the light of the above, and considering the EU's obligations under Article 24(2) of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, can the Commission clarify the following:

1. Is the Commission aware of this serious issue?
2. Can the Commission provide information on the reasons why EU Member States' decisions are not being implemented, and on possible measures that have been taken to address the problem?
3. Is the Commission planning to urge Member States to take all necessary measures to ensure the reunification of these children with their families?

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¹ European Network of Ombudspersons for Children, 'ENOC calls on the EU and Member States to enforce family reunification decisions issued in the EU and involving children trapped in Gaza', October 2025, <https://enoc.eu/enoc-calls-for-action-on-children-still-trapped-in-gaza-despite-reunification-decisions/>.