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to the Commission

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Subject: Security of EU citizens

In November 2025, Austrian authorities uncovered a weapons cache in Vienna linked to a Hamas-associated network. An investigation followed that led to the arrest of a British national, identified by German prosecutors as Mohammed A., who allegedly transported the weapons to Austria after receiving them from a suspect previously detained in Germany.

In October 2025, German authorities arrested three individuals suspected of acquiring weapons from a Lebanese man who was himself caught last week after crossing the Danish-German border.

A fourth suspect was arrested after entering Germany from Czechia for supplying the latter with ammunition and weapons.

All arrested individuals are believed to belong to a terrorist organisation linked to Hamas with plans to carry out attacks against Jewish and Israeli facilities in the EU.

In February 2025, four alleged Hamas members went on trial in Berlin for similar reasons.

Considering the above, how is the Commission:

1. coordinating counterterrorism measures, in addition to its new internal security strategy, with Member States and relevant external partners such as Israel to guarantee the security of all EU citizens?
2. planning to strictly monitor the inflow of refugees from Gaza to ensure that no former Hamas or other terrorist organisation operatives enter EU territory?

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