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Subject: Anti-fascist movements and political violence – the real threat to democracy

The European Union plans to strengthen its ‘democratic shield’, which it presents as an instrument to protect the rule of law, pluralism and the free exercise of political activities.

However, in France, numerous acts of violence attributed to groups claiming to be ‘anti-fascist’ have targeted activists engaged in political or metapolitical activities and participating in lawful public debate. These actions are not about a confrontation of ideas, but about intimidation aimed at silencing legitimate opinions. By targeting citizens who are peacefully expressing their opinions, this violence undermines people’s safety and the very conditions for effective democratic pluralism.

On 14 February 2026, one of these assaults resulted in the death of a 23-year-old activist for the national cause. That attack raises a twofold question: about public security and about protecting democratic debate.

In this regard, can the Commission:

1. state whether such violence falls within the scope of the ‘democratic shield’?

2. specify what action it intends to take to guarantee protection of political activities and lawful public debate?

3. state whether it is specifically monitoring political violence, whatever its ideological origin?

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