

Question for written answer E-003926/2026

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

Rule 144

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Subject: Outrageous exclusion from Israeli elections of political parties and groups denouncing the genocide of the Palestinian people and the occupation of their territories

Israel's Central Election Committee has excluded the largest Arab parties from participating in the October elections on the pretext that they 'reject Israel's existence as a Jewish and democratic state'. This accusation aims to stifle all voices inside Israel who oppose the ongoing genocide in the occupied Palestinian territories. It follows on from the racist law passed in the Knesset, which provides for the death penalty for Palestinians accused of 'acts of terrorism'.

Meanwhile, Israel has excluded members of parliament, including members of the Communist Party of Israel, from Knesset sittings because they expressed their opposition to the Israeli state's savage operations against Palestinians.

In view of the above, can the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy answer the following:

1. Where does she stand on the unacceptable decision by Israel's Central Election Committee to exclude from the October parliamentary elections lists and candidates condemning the genocide of the Palestinian people and demanding an end to occupation and military operations in Gaza, such as the list that includes the Communist Party of Israel?
2. Where does she stand on the call for an immediate halt to the EU-Israel Association Agreement and to all economic, political and military cooperation between the EU and the Member States and Israel, given that not only is Israel carrying out a genocide against the Palestinian people, but it has also attacked Iran and is occupying Syrian and Lebanese territories as well as violating civil liberties by persecuting and excluding anyone who condemn its criminal policy?

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