

Priority question for written answer P-001999/2024

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: Threat to UN Peacekeepers

The Israeli invasion of Lebanon has seen Israel Defense Forces (IDF) troops temporarily locate themselves metres away from UN peacekeepers. The Israeli military has used this location to fire at targets deeper into Lebanese territory, which has placed UN Peacekeepers in danger from both IDF fire and retaliatory fire.

1. Does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) agree that these actions by the Israeli regime and the IDF have knowingly placed UN Peacekeepers in harm's way?
2. Does the VP/HR agree with President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins when he referred to it as 'outrageous' that the Israel Defense Forces 'have threatened this peacekeeping force and sought to have them evacuate the villages they are defending'?
3. Given that the Israeli regime has put UN Peacekeepers, including Irish UN Peacekeepers, at risk, will the VP/HR and the Commission now take the appropriate actions and suspend the EU-Israel Association Agreement?

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