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**Question for written answer E-002130/24
to the Commission
Thierry Mariani (PFE)
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Subject: Impact of the conflict on the Lebanese health system

The tragic events taking place in Lebanon are giving rise to many humanitarian concerns, not least the impact of the conflict on the Lebanese health system. The National Council of the Lebanese Order of Physicians and the EuroLebanese Medical Society have reported that medical infrastructure has been affected and that critical shortages of resources and medicines are putting civilians and healthcare workers at risk.

1. In light of this, what concrete actions does the Commission plan on taking to support international efforts to protect civilians and ensure access to healthcare in the region?
2. In addition, how can the Commission step up its humanitarian support to Lebanon, particularly with regard to medical resources and the protection of health infrastructure?

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**Answer given by Ms Lahbib on behalf of the European Commission
(24 March 2025)**

The EU has repeatedly called on all parties involved in the conflict to exert maximum restraint and to abide by international law, including international humanitarian law.

Medical and humanitarian personnel as well as their means of transport and equipment, hospitals, and other medical facilities must be respected and protected at all times.

The EU has also advocated for an accountable deconfliction system to allow humanitarian aid workers to provide assistance while guaranteeing their safety.

Upon the escalation of hostilities, the Commission mobilised an additional EUR 25 million in humanitarian assistance to Lebanon in 2024 to respond to the needs, including health needs, of the population affected by the conflict.

This includes EUR 10 million from the EUR 30 million emergency support announced by the President of the Commission on 3 October 2024 ⁽¹⁾, with the remaining EUR 20 million to be implemented by the Directorate-General for the Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf.

The total humanitarian assistance for Lebanon in 2024 amounted to EUR 92 million. Over EUR 15 million of which was allocated to the provision of health services to all populations in need in Lebanon, including vulnerable Lebanese, refugees, and other population of concern.

Lebanon made a request for health supplies to the EU Civil Protection Mechanism ⁽²⁾ on 18 September 2024. Nine Member States responded positively. In addition, the EU launched a humanitarian air bridge to Lebanon.

Between 11 October 2024 and 7 January 2025, 12 flights carried over 395 tons of humanitarian assistance from EU-owned stock into the country.

The Commission is increasing its initial humanitarian support in 2025, starting with an allocation of EUR 80 million.

⁽¹⁾ https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/news-stories/news/eu-boosts-humanitarian-aid-lebanon-eu30-million-bringing-total-over-eu100-million-2024-2024-10-03_en

⁽²⁾ https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/what/civil-protection/eu-civil-protection-mechanism_en