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**Question for written answer E-002615/24
to the Council**

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Subject: Illegal settlements and settler violence

Since Israel's invasion, the Israeli Netanyahu Government has approved a record number of new settlements in the occupied Palestinian West Bank ⁽¹⁾.

Further settler violence in the West Bank has intensified over the past year, with the UN documenting more than 1 400 attacks by settlers on Palestinian communities since October 2023. This violence often aims to drive Palestinians from their homes and seize their land to establish outposts, which are illegal under both international and Israeli law ⁽²⁾.

Several organisations are involved in promoting the illegal settlements and inciting violence against Palestinians in the West Bank. They include the construction company Amana, which allocates resources for Israeli settlers involved in aggression and violence against Palestinian communities in the West Bank ⁽³⁾. Consequently, the UK ⁽⁴⁾ and Canada ⁽⁵⁾ have recently imposed sanctions on Amana.

Will the Council follow the UK and Canada's lead by ensuring that the EU imposes sanctions on organisations like Amana, which actively promote illegal settlements and incite settler violence?

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Reply
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The EU has strongly condemned the escalation in the West Bank, including in East Jerusalem, following increased settler violence and the expansion of illegal settlements ⁽¹⁾.

In response to the situation, the EU has listed 14 persons or entities under the EU restrictive measures against serious human rights violations and abuses ⁽²⁾.

As per the conclusions of the European Council of 17 October 2024, the Council is also taking work forward on further restrictive measures against extremist settlers and against entities and organisations which support them.

¹ <https://politiken.dk/internationalt/art10117756/Israel-har-gnavet-sig-ind-p%C3%A5-Vestbredden-under-krigen-i-Gaza?srltid=AfmBOop7CV3w86B5x5iO1sbWQL555L-S9fTglSKfZXIEyjKk7fm6xpqO>.

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-sanctions-target-illegal-outposts-and-organisations-supporting-extremist-israeli-settlers-in-the-west-bank>.

³ <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-sanctions-target-illegal-outposts-and-organisations-supporting-extremist-israeli-settlers-in-the-west-bank>.

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-sanctions-target-illegal-outposts-and-organisations-supporting-extremist-israeli-settlers-in-the-west-bank>.

⁵ <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2024/06/canada-imposes-second-round-of-sanctions-on-perpetrators-of-extremist-settler-violence-against-civilians-in-west-bank.html>.

⁽¹⁾ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/qa3lblga/euco-conclusions-27062024-en.pdf>, <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/2pebccz2/20241017-euco-conclusions-en.pdf>

⁽²⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024D1175&qid=1733942619824>, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024D1967&qid=1733942619824>