

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003735/25
to the Commission
Mimmo Lucano (The Left)
(25 September 2025)**

Subject: Israeli monitoring of pro-Palestine demonstrations in Italy

According to press reports, which have found confirmation in content published on the Israeli Government's official website, the Israeli authorities have been collecting and disseminating information on demonstrations held in Italy in support of the people of Palestine.

Such monitoring, if proven, would constitute serious outside interference in the domestic affairs of an EU Member State, as well as a potential violation of Italian sovereignty and of the fundamental rights enshrined in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, and in particular the freedom to express opinions and to demonstrate.

In the light of the above, can the Commission state:

1. Whether it is aware that the Israeli Government has published information on demonstrations held in Italy?
2. Whether it considers these practices to be in line with the principles of Member State sovereignty and safeguarding of the fundamental rights of EU citizens?
3. What measures it intends to take, including in conjunction with the Italian authorities, to prevent and thwart Israeli Government surveillance activities on EU soil?

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**Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
(13 November 2025)**

Member States retain the primary competence for the maintenance of law and order and the safeguarding of internal security on their soil. This includes investigation and information sharing on this matter.

Freedom of assembly is a fundamental right enshrined in Article 12 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (the Charter)⁽¹⁾, which, alongside freedom of expression and freedom and pluralism of the media enshrined in Article 11, form the basis for a free, democratic and pluralist society. As provided for in Article 51(1), the Charter applies to Member States only when implementing EU law.

The Commission opposes any attempted foreign interference, threats or intimidation on the sovereign territory of Member States. The Commission continues to stand ready to support Member States as necessary.

⁽¹⁾ Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, 2012/C 326/02, enacted on 26 October 2012, available at: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:C2012/326/02>.