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Question for written answer E-001228/26
to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
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Subject: Israeli attacks in Lebanon

The Israeli Defense Forces have begun targeting civilian infrastructure as part of their war on Lebanon. Most recently they have begun destroying bridges over the Litani River.

Along with these actions, it has been reported that the Israeli defence minister has ordered the destruction of homes inside of Lebanon, and even ordered that this destruction be accelerated.

In the light of this, we have the following questions for the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR):

1. Does the VP/HR accept that Israel's war on Lebanon is illegal?
2. What concrete steps will the VP/HR propose that the EU and Member States take as a result of these latest actions?

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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
(3 June 2026)

The EU has repeatedly expressed its deep concern regarding Israel's offensive in Lebanon and the devastating humanitarian consequences thereof ⁽¹⁾.

The EU stresses that attacks on civilians, civilian infrastructure, healthcare personnel and facilities, as well as on the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (Unifil) personnel are unjustified, unacceptable and in breach of International Humanitarian Law.

The EU calls on all parties to respect the recently agreed temporary ceasefire, fully supports the continuation of bilateral dialogue between Israel and Lebanon and encourages negotiations as a path to lasting stability and de-escalation in line with UN Security Council Resolution 1701 ⁽²⁾.

We have continuously called upon Israel to respect Lebanon's sovereignty and territorial integrity and on Hezbollah to stop its attacks on Israel.

The EU will continue to stand by Lebanon, its authorities and its people and has provided EUR 100 million in humanitarian assistance to answer the basic needs of the most affected populations supports the government-led emergency response under the EUR 1 billion package for 2024-2027.

The EU supports the government's efforts in reforms to strengthen the state institutions and services and in implementing its decision to disarm all non-state armed groups, notably via substantial support to the Lebanese Armed Forces, through the European Peace Facility and to the Lebanon's security sector through the Neighbourhood Development and International Cooperation Instrument.

⁽¹⁾ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/moldova/foreign-affairs-council-press-conference-high-representative-kaja-kallas_en.
⁽²⁾ <https://unscr.com/en/resolutions/1701/>.