Question for written answer E-006693/2014 to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative) Rule 130

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Subject: VP/HR - Expulsion order served on Khalida Jarrar, Member of the Palestinian Legislative

Council (parliament)

On 20 August 2014 an expulsion and exile order was served on Palestinian Legislative Council Member Khalida Jarrar, on the alleged grounds that her presence in Ramallah – her home city and her base as a political representative – constituted a threat to security. This case follows the serving of detention orders on other Palestinian Legislative Council Members, further restricting their freedom of movement which was already limited by an Israeli travel ban in force since 1998. Ms Jarrar is currently staging a sit-in at the Palestinian Legislative Council building to prevent the execution of the Israeli military order.

Articles 9 and 13 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights lay down the principle that no one shall be subject to arbitrary detention or exile or denied the right to leave or return to his/her country. Likewise, Articles 42 and 49 of the Geneva Convention prohibit the forced transfer of persons.

Given that international law is being violated, what action does the High Representative intend to take in response to this attack by the State of Israel on Ms Jarrar's rights?

Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement states that relations between the two parties shall be based on respect for human rights. Why is it that the European authorities are not only failing to impose their own rules, but are actually increasing the scope of cooperation?

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