

**Question for written answer E-011134/2014**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
**Josep-Maria Terricabras (Verts/ALE)**

Subject: VP/HR - Death of Ziad Abu Ein, a Palestinian Authority minister

A few days ago, Ziad Abu Ein, a Palestinian Authority minister and member of Fatah's Revolutionary Council, died after being beaten by Israeli security forces and inhaling tear gas during a pacifist protest in the occupied West Bank, according to witnesses.

Abu Ein was taking part in the protest held as part of the struggle of Palestinian villages Turmusiya and Al Mugheir against the illegal settlement outpost of Adei Ad (which has taken control of their land and prevented them from cultivating it) when he was hit and shoved by Israeli soldiers.

Pictures showing Abu Ein knocked out and on the ground quickly circulated on social media sites. Days later, the medical examinations confirmed Abu Ein had died from being struck and inhaling tear gas.

1. Is the VP/HR aware of the death of Mr Abu Ein, and if so, what is her assessment of it?
2. What has the VP/HR done to respond to this case, and how does she intend to move forward to push for the immediate recognition of the Palestinian State?
3. What action has the VP/HR taken to address respect for human rights and human lives in Palestine?