

**Question for written answer E-002117/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
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Subject: VP/HR - The Commission and Hamas

In Gaza, Hamas has trained 17 000 young people to fight in the name of the 'resistance'. Over the course of a week, these adolescents and young adults learned how to handle arms from fighters of the Izz ad-Din al-Qassam brigades, the very same brigades that faced the Israeli army last summer in a war that cost nearly 2 200 Palestinians their lives.

The armed wing of Hamas, which recently trained 17 000 young Gazans in combat, celebrated with great pomp the final promotion of this 'avant-garde', brandishing its 'right to resistance' where others talk of 'indoctrination'.

What is the position of the High Representative?