

**Question for written answer E-012651/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
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Subject: VP/HR - Israeli aggression against Palestine

Tensions in West Bank Palestinian territories have recently been heightened as a result of the strong-arm tactics employed by the Israeli occupying forces, who have been bursting into private dwellings on the pretext of seeking to identify and apprehend 'those suspected of illegal activity'.

Other incidents include the use of anti-tank missiles to destroy a dwelling in Jenin on the grounds that two young men belonging to the family living there were members of a Palestinian resistance organisation, together with an attempt to arrest a twelve-year-old Palestinian boy, whose arm had been broken by Israeli soldiers storming his home, on the grounds that he had allegedly been throwing stones.

At the same time, the Israeli authorities have decided to continue work on the partition wall, an extremely ill-advised undertaking commenced in 2002.

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs also announced in August that, since the beginning of the year, the Israeli occupation forces had been carrying out a weekly average of 80 'search and arrest' operations throughout Palestinian territories on the West Bank and in East Jerusalem, in response to alleged 'security threats'.

In view of this:

What is the position of the High Representative regarding the escalation of Israeli aggression and the extension of the partition wall along Palestinian territories?

What view does she take of the close economic, political and military cooperation between the EU and the Member State governments with Israel, which appears to legitimise such illegal acts, thereby encouraging further aggression by Israel directed against the Palestinian people and the legitimate struggle in which they are engaged?