

Question for written answer E-006710/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
Syed Kamall (ECR)

Subject: VP/HR - Demolitions in Sabastiya, northern Palestinian West Bank

I have been contacted by a constituent about the demolition by the Israeli authorities of a café, a porcelain shop and a barn sheltering 135 sheep in the village of Sabastiya in the northern Palestinian West Bank on 8 and 9 August 2016.

My constituent claims that the demolition took place without warning or justification and that recent statistics by B'Tselem, an Israeli human rights organisation, have shown that in the first half of 2016 Israeli authorities demolished more homes in Palestinian communities in the West Bank than in the entire previous year.

1. Can the VP/HR confirm whether she is aware of this incident and whether she has raised her concerns with the Israeli Government?
2. What action does the VP/HR plan to take to persuade the Israeli authorities to stop these demolitions?