

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2106/02
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to the Council

Subject: Temporary admission of a number of Palestinians to EU Member States

When 12 suspected Palestinian terrorists were admitted to certain Member States of the European Union, neither the European Parliament – despite urgent inquiries – nor the general public in Europe were informed properly about the matter. Moreover, recent reports in the press suggest that the presence of a number of suspected terrorists constitutes a growing risk to the citizens of the Union.

Was the Council aware of the identity of the suspected Palestinian terrorists before it took its decision?

Did the Council know how serious the offences were of which they were suspected in Israel, and what did the Council do to check whether the suspicions against them were well-founded?

What status was granted to the 12 Palestinians admitted to the European Union and how is the Council ensuring that they do not endanger public safety and order?

How are the Council and the receiving states ensuring that the suspected Palestinian terrorists do not evade the requisite supervision and travel to other Member States, and that they do not constitute a long-term security risk to the citizens of the European Union?