

**Question for written answer E-002525/2021**

**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

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Subject: Surge in violence in Israel and Palestine

The current escalation of violence in Israel and Palestine is intolerable and needs to come to a halt immediately. The European Union needs to play a key role in creating peace in the region. The eviction of Palestinian families in Sheikh Jarrah in East Jerusalem is illegal under international humanitarian law. The current situation is leading to more violence. This needs to stop.

1. What steps is the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) currently undertaking in order to de-escalate the unacceptable rise in violence claiming innocent victims?
2. Is the VP/HR willing to initiate a European Union peace initiative with concrete steps that will lead to the revival of a viable two-state solution?