

**Question for written answer E-002807/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Serious anti-Semitic incident in Germany following the escalation of the Middle East conflict

Following the flare-up of the conflict between Israel and the Gaza Strip, there was a serious anti-Semitic incident in Germany when some 180 people took to the streets together to chant insults against Jews.¹

A Hesse-based print media company referred to Hamas as 'activists', a term it changed following widespread criticism to 'fighters'.²

1. What view does the Commission take of current reporting which plays down or conceals Muslim anti-Semitism given its 'action plan against disinformation'?
2. Does the Commission believe that the actions of the German Government and organisations for Muslim people with a migration background betray a tolerance of anti-Semitism, given Germany's openly Islam-friendly migration policy under which millions of Muslim people are migrating to Germany?
3. What is the Commission doing to combat anti-Semitism in all areas of society while ensuring that it is not falsely, selectively and unilaterally used as a pretext for fighting politically undesirable groups and organisations and neglecting other groups which deserve support?

¹ https://www.focus.de/panorama/welt/ueber-180-demonstranten-unfassbare-szenen-in-gelsenkirchen-antisemiten-skandieren-judenfeindliche-parolen_id_13292923.html

² <https://www.fr.de/politik/konflikt-israel-palaestina-ost-jerusalem-polizei-gaza-bodentruppen-verletzte-tote-90529677.html>