

**Question for written answer E-000853/2022/rev.1
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs
and Security Policy**

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Subject: Israel's apartheid against Palestinians

The Israeli Government's systematic oppression of Palestinians, based on segregation and control, expropriation of land and property, and suppression of economic and social rights, consists of a system of apartheid in the areas under Israel's control.

Demolitions of Palestinian civilian homes and evictions are taking place in a systematic manner in the occupied territories. These actions exacerbate the existing pressure on Palestinian freedom of expression and association, such as the designation of six Palestinian civil society organisations as 'terrorist associations', which is having crippling effects on Palestinian civil society as a whole. Settlement expansion, demolitions and forced evictions are illegal. The EU is strongly opposed to the expansion of Israeli settlements and will not recognise any changes to the pre-1967 borders, including those in Jerusalem, other than those agreed by the parties.

In the light of the above, I would like to ask the to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy the following questions:

1. Will he formally, and in line with recent Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch documentation, recognise the existence of an apartheid regime, as defined above, in areas under Israeli control?
2. What action will he take to stop demolitions and evictions of Palestinian civilians?

Supporters¹

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