

Question for written answer E-001763/2022/rev.1

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

Rule 138

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Subject: Call for investigation into the killing of Palestinian journalist Shireen Abu Aqleh

The renowned Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Aqleh was shot dead by the Israeli army on 11 May 2022, during a raid in the city of Jenin in the Occupied Palestinian Territories¹. The relevant authorities are either unable or unwilling to respect the safety of journalists and civilians, which clearly undermines the freedom of speech and freedom of journalism². The Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP / HR) should take action and call for a thorough investigation into this tragedy.

1. Can the VP / HR clarify what steps the EU is taking to raise the issue of violence against journalists in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Israel with the relevant authorities?
2. Does he intend to call for, and initiate, a thorough investigation into the murder of Shireen Abu Aqleh, in cooperation with Member States?
3. Does he intend to prevent similar acts of aggression against journalists in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Israel in the future?

¹ <https://www.aljazeera.com/gallery/2022/5/11/photos-israeli-forces-kill-al-jazeera-journalist-shireen-abu-akleh>

² <https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium.HIGHLIGHT-israel-announces-joint-probe-was-rejected-before-making-an-offer-to-palestinians-1.10792830>