

**Question for written answer E-000063/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Distribution of salaries to the families of the 'martyrs, prisoners and wounded' by the Palestinian Authority

The Palestinian Authority (PA) receives substantial funding from the EU budget. According to newspaper reports¹, the PA announced that from December 2023 it would distribute salaries to the families of the 'martyrs, prisoners and wounded', including and especially to families in Gaza. It would be irresponsible for the PA, which is heavily dependent on EU support, to transfer and reallocate designated funds from the EU budget to the families of 'martyrs'.

1. Following this announcement, how is the Commission ensuring that the money transferred to the PA from the EU budget is not going to the families of 'martyrs' or 'prisoners', especially those in Gaza?
2. Will the Commission demand further security guarantees from the PA in order to be one hundred per cent sure that the money is not going to the families of terrorists and 'martyrs'?
3. If such payments have been made, will the Commission stop making direct payments to the PA and transfer the money to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, for example?

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¹ <https://www.jewishpress.com/news/eye-on-palestine/palestinian-authority/pa-transferring-salaries-to-families-of-hamas-terrorists-killed-in-gaza/2023/12/31/>