

Question for written answer E-000118/2024

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

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Subject: Dangerous escalation of events in the Middle East

As the genocide of the Palestinian people by the occupier, Israel, continues with relentless intensity, the US and Britain have started launching air strikes in Yemen. These attacks are simply pouring fuel on the fire, exacerbating the ongoing imperialistic war in Yemen, heightening tensions in the Red Sea and stoking the ever-fiercer competition for control over a wider area of strategic importance.

In view of this, can the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative answer the following:

1. What is his position regarding the fact that, despite the proclamations about 'peace and stability', the genocide of the Palestinian people by Israel, along with EU-NATO interference in Yemen and the Red Sea with the EU's all-out backing, constitute a dangerous escalation in the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East, with the blood of the people being shed to promote Euro-Atlantic imperialistic interests?
2. What is his position regarding the fact that Euro-Atlantic powers are using shipping as a pretext for pushing their plans and for control of the area, in a context where they are facing tough confrontation from rivals?
3. What is his position regarding the fact that Israel's occupation of the Palestinian territories and the slaughter going on in the Gaza Strip and Saudi-Arabia's ongoing US-backed war in Yemen, are critical problems that are leading to the explosive situation in the Red Sea, increasing the risk of a wider flare-up, putting the lives of ship workers at risk and sending energy prices through the roof, while shipowners make a tidy profit from lucrative charterparties?

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