

**Question for written answer E-000426/2024  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Israel's disregard for international law and the provisional measures of the International Court of Justice

On Friday 26 January 2024, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) ordered Israel to take all measures within its power to prevent death, destruction and acts of genocide in its siege of over 2 million people in Gaza, which has seen almost 30 000 people killed, mostly women and children, in relentless airstrikes and ground assaults.

In a statement, the Commission and the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy underlined that the parties must comply with the provisional orders of the ICJ.

And yet in the 72 hours following the ruling, Israel has killed over 500 Palestinians and has continued to target civilian infrastructure, including hospitals. In addition, Israeli government ministers and lawmakers attended a conference on 28 January where they openly called for the illegal settlement and ethnic cleansing of Gaza. In short, the Israeli Government has completely disregarded the ruling of the ICJ.

1. How will the Commission respond to Israel's immediate breaches of the provisional orders of the ICJ?
2. How does the Commission justify the fact that the EU-Israel Association Agreement is still in force given the breaches of Article 2, which stipulates that relations 'shall be based on respect for human rights'?

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