

**Question for written answer E-000482/2024/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:** Israel's blockade on food and medical supplies and its effects on animals in Gaza

Israel has been continuously attacking Gaza for over 100 days, blocking the delivery of humanitarian aid, including food and medical supplies, to the besieged region. This situation is viciously affecting millions of innocents and has caused thousands of deaths. Moreover, animal rights organisations in Gaza are reporting that no animal feed has entered Gaza since 9 February 2024, leaving thousands of animals in a dire situation.

On 17 January 2024, an aid truck carrying two tonnes of animal feed, which had been awaited for days, was inspected and approved on the Israeli side. However, since only a limited number of trucks are allowed to enter Gaza each day and approved aid is being blocked, the feed has still not been let through.

In addition to the humanitarian emergency, there is also an urgent need to protect animals and the organisations that care for them in Gaza.

1. Is the EU pressuring the Israeli Government to also allow animal feed through the Rafah and Kerem Shalom border crossings, given that Gaza desperately needs feed and medicine for the millions of cats, dogs, donkeys, horses and birds living there?
2. Will the EU push for the designation of safe areas within Gaza so that NGOs, such as Sulala Animal Rescue, can continue their work?

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