

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1836/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: PEGASE programme

- The Commission is supplying aid to the Palestinian victims of Israeli bombardments by granting direct financial support to the Palestinian Authority.
- However, out of the 500 or 600 lorries carrying relief supplies required in Gaza in order to meet the most basic needs (including school exercise books, babies' cots, and substances to purify water), only 130 are being allowed through by the Israelis.
- The Community funding is in reality not reaching the Palestinian people, but falling directly into the hands of large Israeli companies such as Dor Alon, which over the past year has been paid EUR 97 million for diesel oil needed for electricity generation in Gaza.
- Israeli economic interests are thus controlling access to the Palestinian market with the sole aim of generating profit for their own companies as well as thriving business that is capitalising on the occupation and blockade of the Palestinian territories and on the EU's aid response.
- The Coalition of Women for Peace (an Israeli-Palestinian organisation) has listed the companies which are benefiting from the war on the site [www.whoprofits.org](http://www.whoprofits.org).

Could the Commission check the points set out above and determine whether it would be advisable to change the practical arrangements for delivering economic aid under the PEGASE programme?