

**Priority question for written answer P-003655/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: The unfolding humanitarian situation in Gaza, following Hamas's terror attack on Israel on 7 October 2023

These questions addresses the unfolding humanitarian situation in Gaza, following Hamas's terror attack on Israel on 7 October 2023. According to a letter sent by Amnesty International, at least 16 248 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip were killed between 7 October and 5 December 2023. Due to Israel's blockade of the Gaza strip, civilians are lacking food, water and medicine, and the UN World Food Programme warns that half of the population in Gaza is starving¹.

1. In the light of the unfolding humanitarian situation, will the Commission demand an immediate and sustained ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and Israel, to protect civilians from all parties?
2. Will the Commission support an investigation by the International Court of Justice into whether Israel is committing genocide against the Palestinian population?
3. Will the Commission work for a united EU position between the EU institutions condemning all attacks against civilians and calling on an immediate and sustained ceasefire in the Gaza Strip and Israel?

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¹ <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-67670679>.