

THE ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE

GUE/NGL in the European Parliament Plenary debate

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OCCUPATION OF

PALESTINE

Motion for a resolution on the escalation of violence between Israel and Palestine (2014/2723(RSP))

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION to wind up the debate on the statement by the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy pursuant to Rule 123(2) of the Rules of Procedure

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- having regard to the Charter of the United Nations,
- having regard to the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War of 1949,
- having regard to UN General Assembly resolution 194 (1948), and UN Security Council resolutions 242 (1967), 252 (1968), 338 (1972), 476 (1980), 478 (1980) and 1860 (2009),
- having regard to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) entitled ‘Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territories’ of 9 July 2004,
- having regard to the Council conclusions on the Middle East Peace Process of 16 December 2013, 14 May 2012, 23 May and 18 July 2011, and 8 December 2009,
- having regard to the EU Heads of Mission reports on East Jerusalem of January 2012 and on ‘Area C and Palestinian State Building’ of July 2011, and the EU Heads of Mission report on settler violence of April 2011 and the accompanying EU Heads of Mission note on settler violence of February 2012,
- having regard to Rule 123(2) of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas on 7 July 2014 Israel launched a military aggression against Gaza called ‘Protective Edge’; whereas to this day more than 180 Palestinians, among them at least 30 children, have been killed (according to UN estimates, 77 % of those killed were civilians) and more than 1 250 injured; whereas 17 000 people have sought refuge in UNRWA facilities following exodus from Beit Lahia and Attara after Israel warned civilians to evacuate northern Gaza ahead of a large-scale bombing campaign; whereas over 1 300 buildings, including houses, hospitals and schools, were hit by Israeli missiles and bombs launched from both the air and the sea; whereas drones have been used in these military operations;

B. whereas following an Arab League ministerial meeting in Cairo on 14 July 2014, Egypt called for a ceasefire to be started on 15 July 2014 at 06.30 a.m.; whereas previously the UN Secretary-General had urged Israel to scrap plans for a ground offensive; whereas the Palestinian authorities have launched a case against Israel at the ICJ;

C. whereas this is the third similar military aggression on Gaza following the 2008-2009 ‘Cast Lead’ and the November 2012 ‘Pillar of Defence’, that left around 3 000 Palestinians dead, hundreds injured, and caused extensive material destruction, leaving behind a humanitarian catastrophe;

D. whereas Israel has been raising tensions, particularly following the kidnapping and killing (in mid June 2014) of three Israeli youths in the occupied West Bank close to Hebron; whereas this is no longer cited as the cause of aggression on Gaza, but rather the missile attacks on Israel that came in response to Israeli violence in the West Bank while the search was on for the three youths; whereas a Palestinian teenager from East Jerusalem was kidnapped, tortured and burned alive seemingly in retaliation; whereas in the same period hundreds of Palestinians were arrested, hundreds of houses raided and a number of houses demolished;

E. whereas according to Israeli estimates, 1 000 missiles have been launched from Gaza, most of them intercepted by the Israeli antimissile system ‘Iron Dome’, causing only minimal material damage;

F. whereas these events followed the announcement of the agreement between Palestinian parties to form a unity government overcoming the division existing since 2007; whereas this was one of the conditions set in the peace talks led by the US in the

past year; whereas this announcement was met by vehement statements of the Israeli Prime Minister denouncing it; whereas Israel has not respected the previous ceasefire agreement;

G. whereas the latest round of peace talks that started a year ago has had no success;

H. whereas the EU Foreign Affairs Council meeting of 16 December 2013 stated among other things that: ‘The EU warns against actions that undermine the negotiations. In this regard, it deplores Israel’s continuous expansion of settlements, which are illegal under international law and constitute an obstacle to peace. The Council also expresses its grave concern regarding incitement, incidents of violence in the occupied territory, house demolitions and the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Gaza. The EU expresses its serious concern about actions that undermine the status quo of the holy sites, including in Jerusalem. The European Union will continue to closely monitor the situation and its broader implications and act accordingly’;

I. whereas on 19 July 2013 the EU issued ‘Guidelines on the eligibility of Israeli entities and their activities in the territories occupied by Israel since June 1967 for grants, prizes and financial instruments funded by the EU from 2014 onwards’ (2013/C 205/05);

J. whereas Israel continues to ignore the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice entitled ‘Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territories’ of 9 July 2004;

1. Strongly denounces the Israeli military aggression on Gaza and demands its immediate end;
2. Calls for a stop to rockets being fired into Israel;
3. Expresses its condolences to the families of the hundreds of Palestinian victims as well as to the families of the three Israeli youths;
4. Supports efforts to reach an agreement on an immediate, lasting and fully respected ceasefire that should be guaranteed by a mechanism to be set up by the international community, including a peacekeeping mission under the UN and the end of the siege; believes that this should put an end to the killing and suffering of the Palestinian people enclaved in the Gaza Strip since 2007; demands an immediate end to the siege of Gaza and immediate access to humanitarian aid, particularly to cover the urgent medical needs;
5. Condemns the policy of collective punishment pursued by Israel against the Palestinian people and calls for an end to Israel’s impunity regarding the continuous gross violations of international and humanitarian law, the Charter of the UN and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
6. Reiterates its support to the recognition of a viable, independent, contiguous Palestinian state, with East Jerusalem as its capital, on the 1967 borders, living in peace alongside Israel;
7. Calls on the governments of all EU Member States to implement the 19 July 2013 Guidelines; calls for a ban on import to the EU of all Israeli products produced in the illegal Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories;
8. Considers that it is high time the EU implemented Article 2 of the EU-Israel Association Agreement by freezing the Agreement as long as Israel continues violating human rights;
9. Strongly supports the Palestinian efforts to achieve unity;
10. Extends its support to the Israeli political parties, movements and people standing up against the Israeli aggression and calling for a peaceful solution; is particularly concerned about the deterioration of freedom of speech in Israel; notes that on the evening of 12 July 2014, a peace rally in Tel-Aviv against the current military operation was attacked, with one person injured and hospitalised, without any interventions or arrests by the Israeli police;
11. Supports the request made by the Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to place Palestine under international protection;
12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the parliaments and governments of the EU Member States, the UN Secretary-General, the President of the Palestinian Authority, the Palestinian Legislative Council, the Israeli Government, the Knesset.



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GUE/NGL Press Conference, 15 July 2014
Martina Anderson

Let me be clear, the kidnapping and murder of Palestinian and Israeli boys were wrong. Both these wrongs cannot be righted by the bombardment of rockets into Gaza - or the firing of rockets into Israel.

The worsening of the situation in Gaza should be viewed in the context of the on-going tension in the region.

Israel's actions have for years - intentionally and indiscriminately - threatened the two-state solution in blatant violation of international law and humanitarian law.

This recent Israeli onslaught has seen almost 200 Gazans killed; mostly civilians with a high number of children and the elderly. This is an appalling carnage.

The situation in Gaza has for years resembled that of a huge open-air prison - with over 1.5 million Palestinians caged in and cut off from the rest of the world.

Gaza has one of the highest population densities in the world.

Food, medical supplies and water are limited due to the on-going and unjust blockade which should be condemned by all.

It is no coincidence that the punishment meted out to Palestinians in the West Bank and the attacks on Gaza followed the announcement of the agreement between Palestinian parties to form a unity government overcoming the division existing since 2007.

This was one of the conditions set in the peace talks led by the US in the past 10 months and it was what MEPs called for when we were in Palestine last October.

Unfortunately this announcement of Palestinian unity was met with contempt by the Israeli Prime Minister.

It is clear from this latest series of attacks that Israel wishes to put a wedge between Fatah and Hamas.

When the EU Foreign Affairs Council met in December last year it deplored Israel's endless expansion of settlements.

As an occupying power, under the Fourth Geneva Convention, Israel is not permitted to settle its own population in the occupied territory.

Yet Israel settlements are expanding in the most fertile and resource rich part of the occupied territory.

Israel confiscates or - intentionally destroys - private property which is prohibited under international law - indeed such ethnic cleansing amounts to war crimes.

In July 2013, the EU issued Guidelines regarding EU Funds that involved Israeli entities in occupied territories.

17 countries including France, Ireland and Germany are implementing these guidelines - however all EU member state countries need to follow suit.

Israel blatantly ignores international humanitarian law as well as views expressed by the International Court of Justice on the erection of the apartheid wall.

The United Nations and the EU has widely documented the details of Israel's:

- demolition of thousands of Palestinian homes - basic infrastructure and sources of livelihood,
- restrictions on accessing land and vital resources and
- its forced displacement of the Palestinian population - there are over 5m Palestinian refugees.



Systematic discrimination has occurred on a daily basis against the Palestinian people conducted openly by successive Israeli governments.

For too many years the UN and the wider international community have watched the blockage of Gaza; watched an apartheid wall being built; watched apartheid buses operate on apartheid roads; watched settlements being built.

The collective punishment by Israel in Gaza must be condemned and an end to Israel's impunity over the continuous gross violations of international and humanitarian law, the Charter of the UN and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights - is absolutely necessary.

There cannot be a military solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict.

We need to see an immediate de-escalation and an inclusive process for a sustainable ceasefire by all sides in this conflict.

The Palestinian People and their elected Representatives cannot tolerate this onslaught – nor should they be expected to.

Intervention of Martina Anderson, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, in the European Parliament plenary debate on the escalation of violence between Israel and Palestine.

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Gaza is once again at crisis point. Millions worldwide are protesting against the slaughter taking place there. Unfortunately, this joint resolution is a woeful attempt to address the reality of the current conflict. It neutralises the onslaught to avoid criticising Israel. The EPP and S&D cosy consensus is disgraceful. Over 200 Palestinians are dead. 1 250 have been injured, 17 000 have sought refuge, 1 300 buildings – including hospitals, homes and schools – have been destroyed by Israeli bombs, and it continues.

This is an appalling carnage. Attacks from both sides should stop. The causes of the conflict are ignored in this joint sham resolution. Israel's collective punishment of Palestinians in the aftermath of the murder of three young Israeli boys, which we all deplore, is not mentioned. The arrests of hundreds of Palestinians, which contributed to tension in the region, are not mentioned. Israel's violation of international humanitarian law, with the expansion of settlements and the construction of apartheid walls and roads are not mentioned. Israel must end – and we must end – the impunity over such gross violations. Israel must lift the blockade on Gaza and stop the slaughter. This Parliament must show it cares, and it would befit the MEP, who complained about us standing along with millions worldwide who are protesting, to also show that he cares.

Martina Anderson's speech in Irish

Tá BPÉ de chuid Sinn Féin, Martina Anderson, ar lorg sos cogaidh láithreach i nGaza agus aitheantas idirnáisiúnta don Phailistín.

Ag caint léi ag preas ócáid GUE/NGL i Strasbourg dúirt an BPÉ:

“Cailleadh breis agus 190 de bhunadh Gaza san ionsaí is deireanaí seo ó Iosrael - a bhformhór acu ina sibhialtóirí agus páistí. Tá mé buartha go gcaillfear tuilleadh.

“Déanann an t-ár Iosraelach seo dóchar don réiteach dhá-stát agus cuireann sé bac ar fhéidearthachtaí rialtas aontaithe sa Phailistín.

“Caithfidh dí-ghéarú láithreach den fhoréigean agus sos-cogaidh ar gach taobh den choimhlint seo a fháil.

“Caithfidh rialtas Iosrael aitheantas a thabhairt do rialtas aontaithe na Pailistíne agus dul i mbun cainte le bealach amach as an staid láithreach.

“Is léir ó na hionsaithe is déanaí go bhfuil Iosrael ag iarraidh scoilt a chothú idir Fatah agus Hamas.”

D'iarr an tUasal Anderson ar an phobal idirnáisiúnta teacht chun tosaigh le cabhair a thabhairt do mhuntir Gaza.

“Ní leor inní a léiriú; is é an rud atá de dhíth anois ná gníomh deimhneach ón phobal idirnáisiúnta.

“Bheadh aitheantas idirnáisiúnta ar an réiteach dhá stat ina chéim thábhachtach.

“Ba chóir go mbronnfaidh gach rialtas stádas ambasáide ar mhisin Phailistíneacha.

“Caithfidh na Náisiúin Aontaithe a aithint go bhfuil an Iosrael i ndiaidh an dlí idirnáisiúnta a sháru.

“Tá na NA agus an pobal idirnáisiúnta i ndiaidh rófhada a chaitheamh ag amharc ar an bhac a chuirtear ar GAZA; ag am a a bhí balla críochdheighilte á thógáil; nuair a tógadh bacanna bóithre agus nuair a cuireadh cine-dheighilte i réim ar bhusanna.

“Chonacamar Iosrael ag scriosadh na mílte tithe Pailistíneacha agus ag cur na mílte teaghlach as talamh s'acu le lonnaíochtaí a thógáil.

“Tá sé se oar fad ag sarú Comhaontú Oslo 1993.

“Ní féidir le muintir na Pailistíne agus a n-ionadaithe polaitiúla cur suas leis seo agus ní chóir go mbeadh orthu cur suas leis.”



Neoklis SYLIKIOTIS
AKEL - Cyprus

Intervention of Neoklis Sylikiotis, GUE/NGL, in the European Parliament plenary debate on the escalation of violence between Israel and Palestine.

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“FOR US PEACE MEANS FREEDOM FOR PALESTINE”

Παρέμβαση Νεοκλή Συλικιώτη, Ευρωβουλευτή του ΑΚΕΛ, στην Ολομέλεια του ΕΚ κατά τη συζήτηση για την «κλιμάκωση της βίας ανάμεσα σε Ισραήλ και Παλαιστίνη»

Μωχαμάτ Μαλάκεχ 17 μηνών, Ρανίμ Τζουντεχ Αμπντελ Κχαφούρ 17 μηνών, Αμπτουλάχ Ραμαντάν 5 χρονών... Ένας ατέλειωτος κατάλογος – πέραν των 190 σήμερα - νεκρών παλαιστινίων, παιδιών γυναικών ηλικιωμένων αναπήρων, που είχαν όνομα, οικογένεια, σπίτι, μέλλον...

Οκτώ οικογένειες έχουν χαθεί στο σύνολο τους! 160 χιλιάδες εκ νέου εκτοπισθέντες, 395 χιλιάδες με ελάχιστη παροχή νερού, κτυπήθηκαν 3 νοσοκομεία, 1000 σπίτια καταστράφηκαν . . .



Τι άλλο περιμένει το νεοεκλεγέν Ευρωκοινοβούλιο όταν μπροστά στα μάτια του συντελούνται εγκλήματα πολέμου; Τι άλλο περιμένει η ΕΕ και η κυρία Άστον για να καταδικάσει την επιδρομική πολιτική του Ισραήλ; Δεν ακούει κανείς τις διαμαρτυρίες στους δρόμους ευρωπαϊκών πόλεων αλλά και πόλεων του ιδίου του Ισραήλ;

Είναι ντροπή για την ΕΕ και τον κόσμο να δέχεται την ατιμωρησία για τις ασταμάτητες παραβιάσεις του διεθνούς ανθρωπιστικού δικαίου και των ανθρωπίνων δικαιωμάτων ενός ολόκληρου λαού που υπόκειται συλλογικής τιμωρίας.

Εμείς της Ευρωπαϊκής Ενωτικής Αριστεράς (GUE/NGL) στηρίζουμε το αίτημα του Παλαιστίνιου Προέδρου και καλούμε τον ΟΗΕ να τεθεί η Παλαιστίνη υπό διεθνή προστασία για να σταματήσει μια για πάντα το αιματοκύλισμα αυτού του λαού.

Αν η ΕΕ σέβεται τις αρχές και τις διακηρύξεις της, πρέπει να αναστείλει τη Συμφωνία Σύνδεσης μέχρις ότου το Ισραήλ πάψει να παραβιάζει το άρθρο 2 στο οποίο αναφέρεται ξεκάθαρα η υποχρέωση του Ισραήλ για σεβασμό των ανθρωπίνων δικαιωμάτων. Θέλουμε ειρήνη για τον παλαιστινιακό λαό, τον ισραηλινό λαό, όλους τους λαούς της ταλαιπωρημένης Μέσης Ανατολής. Να σταματήσει η ατιμωρησία, να σταματήσει ο εποικισμός, να αρθεί η κατοχή της Παλαιστίνης. Για εμάς Ειρήνη σημαίνει ελευθερία στην Παλαιστίνη!



Neoklis Sylikiotis's speech in English

Mohamed Malakeh, 17 months-old, Ranim Judeh Abdel Ghafur also 17 months-old, Abdullah Ramadan Abu Ghazal five years-old...

An endless list – now over 190 – of dead Palestinians - children, women, elderly and disabled people, who had a name, a family, a home, a future ...

Eight entire families have been lost! 160 000 people have once again been displaced. 395 000 have only a minimum water supply, three hospitals have been attacked, 1000 homes destroyed. ...

What else is this newly elected Parliament waiting for when in front of their eyes war crimes are being committed? What else are the EU and Mrs Ashton waiting for to condemn this aggressive Israeli policy? Is no one listening to the protests in the streets of European cities, but also in Israeli towns?

It is a shame on the EU itself and on the world to accept impunity for the continuous violations of international humanitarian law and the human rights of an entire people who are subjected to collective punishment.

We, the GUE/NGL group, support the demand of the Palestinian President and call on the UN to put Palestine under international protection to stop once and for all the slaughter of this people.

If the EU respects its own principles and declarations, it must immediately suspend the Association Agreement until Israel stops violating Article 2 which states clearly Israel's obligation to respect human rights.

We want peace for the Palestinian people, the Israeli people, all the peoples of the troubled Middle East. We demand an end to impunity and colonisation, an end to the occupation of Palestine.



Intervention of Sofia Sakorafa, GUE/NGL, in the European Parliament plenary debate on the escalation of violence between Israel and Palestine.

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“Συζητάμε σήμερα ένα ακόμη ψήφισμα του Ευρωπαϊκού Κοινοβουλίου για τα τραγικά γεγονότα στην Παλαιστίνη.

Θυμίζω τα αποτελέσματα μετά το τελευταίο ανάλογο ψήφισμα:

- 1) 180 Νεκροί
- 2) 1300 Κατεστραμμένα σπίτια
- 3) 1250 Τραυματίες, εκ των οποίων (250 παιδιά)
- 4) 17.000 Πρόσφυγες

Sofia SAKORAF

SYRIZA - Greece

Θυμίσω και τα αποτελέσματα των εκατοντάδων ψηφισμάτων, των Διεθνών Οργανισμών από το 67 μέχρι σήμερα, που συνυπογράφουν σχεδόν όλα τα μέλη της σημερινής Ε.Ε και είναι πολύ

πιο σκληρά και απαιτητικά, από το σημερινό, απέναντι στο Ισραήλ.

Τι πέτυχαν όλα αυτά;

- 1) 6 εκατομμύρια Παλαιστίνιοι πρόσφυγες χωρίς δικαίωμα επιστροφής στην πατρίδα τους.
- 2) 2,5 εκατομμύρια, απ'αυτούς σε 25 καταυλισμούς με άθλιες συνθήκες διαβίωσης.
- 3) 450.000 εποικισμοί στη Δυτική Όχθη και 100.000 στα Ιεροσόλυμα
- 4) 750 χιλιόμετρα τείχους που φτάνει και τα 12 μέτρα ύψος
- 5) 350.000 ρίζες ελιές παλαιστινίων κατεστραμμένες.
- 6) Χιλιάδες νεκροί και συνθήκες apartheid

Τι απ' αυτά πιστεύετε ότι μπορεί να αλλάξει το σημερινό ψήφισμά;

Κύριοι συνάδελφοι, ας μην γελιομάστε. Μήτρα όσων συμβαίνουν στην Παλαιστίνη είναι η Ισραηλινή ΚΑΤΟΧΗ και η πλήρης ατιμωρησία του Ισραήλ για τα εγκλήματα που κάνει κατ'εξακολούθηση μισόν αιώνα τώρα.

Ως Παλαιστίνια υπήκοος καταθέτω έκκληση και πρόκληση στο Ευρωπαϊκό Κοινοβούλιο. Η Παλαιστίνη δεν έχει ανάγκη από ένα ακόμη ψήφισμα. Διαλέξτε ΕΝΑ από τα εγκλήματα που διαπράττει το Ισραήλ. Τις παράνομες φυλακίσεις; τις εκτοπίσεις; του εποικισμού; ...). Όποιο θέλετε!

Και ας δεσμευτούμε σαν Ε.Ε. να εφαρμόσουμε όλες τις κυρώσεις που προβλέπουν οι Διεθνείς συνθήκες, έως ότου το Ισραήλ να συμμορφωθεί.

Μόνο ένα!

Για τα υπόλοιπα, για μια ελεύθερη και ανεξάρτητη πατρίδα, ο Παλαιστινιακός λαός έχει και το κουράγιο και την αποφασιστικότητα και την πίστη να συνεχίσει να πολεμάει μέχρι να τα κατακτήσει.”

Sofia Sakorafa's speech in English

We are discussing today yet another European Parliament resolution on the tragic events in Palestine.

I would like to remind you of the outcomes of the last, similar resolution:

- 1) 180 people dead;
- 2) 1300 damaged homes;
- 3) 1250 people injured (250 of them children);
- 4) 17 000 refugees.

I would also like to remind you of the outcomes of hundreds of resolutions adopted by International Organisations against Israel since 1967, endorsed by almost all the current EU Member States, using much stronger language and which were far more demanding than this resolution. What have all of those resolutions achieved?

- 1) 6 million Palestinian refugees, who have no right to return to their homeland;
- 2) 2.5 million of them in 25 camps living in poor conditions;
- 3) 450,000 settlements in West Bank and 100,000 in Jerusalem;
- 4) A 750 km- long wall, 12 metres high;
- 5) 350,000 Palestinian olive trees damaged;
- 6) Thousands of people who have died and conditions of apartheid;

Which of the above, do you think, can be changed after today's resolution?

Ladies and gentlemen, let's not fool ourselves. The wrong now occurring in Palestine is the Israeli OCCUPATION and the absolute impunity granted to Israel for the crimes it has repeatedly committed for half a century now. As a Palestinian national, I am launching an appeal that could become a challenge for the European Parliament. Palestine does not need another resolution. Pick ONE of the crimes still committed by Israel. Illegal detentions, transportations, displacements ... Whichever one you like! And let's commit to implementing all the sanctions provided for in International Treaties until Israel complies with them. Just one! For the rest, the Palestinian people have the courage and the determination and the conviction to keep on fighting for a free and independent country until they are victorious.



Ángela VALLINA
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 Spain

Intervention of Ángela Vallina, GUE/NGL, in the European Parliament plenary debate on the escalation of violence between Israel and Palestine.

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Ángela Vallina (GUE/NGL). - Señora Presidenta, nosotros consideramos desde luego inaceptable que desde la Unión Europea, que se reclama abanderada de las libertades y los derechos humanos, se mantenga un acuerdo de asociación con un Estado como Israel, cuyo Gobierno mantiene un sistema de apartheid contra la población palestina en la Franja.

Desde hace diez años se incumple la sentencia del Tribunal de La Haya por parte de ese Estado que ocupa ilegalmente territorios palestinos, que practica el asesinato extrajudicial, que permite la tortura, que encarcela a menores y que bombardea áreas civiles empleando armamento prohibido por las Convenciones de Ginebra.

Más del 80% de los muertos son civiles. Nosotros deploramos esta Resolución pactada por socialdemócratas, populares, conservadores y liberales, ya que en su primer párrafo convierte a las víctimas en verdugos y a los verdugos en víctimas.





Teresa RODRÍGUEZ-RUBIO VÁZQUEZ
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Intervention of Teresa Rodríguez-Rubio Vázquez, GUE/NGL, in the European Parliament plenary debate on the escalation of violence between Israel and Palestine.

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Teresa Rodriguez-Rubio Vázquez (GUE/NGL). - Señora Presidenta, el muro de Israel vulnera la legalidad internacional y los principios de la Carta de las Naciones Unidas, divide familias y pueblos y hace la vida normal impracticable.

El muro de Israel es ilegal —y no lo digo yo. Lo dijo, hace diez años, un mes de julio como este, el Tribunal Internacional de Justicia de La Haya.

Esta sentencia es uno de los símbolos de la impunidad que la comunidad internacional permite al Estado de Israel. El aniversario coincide con el enésimo castigo colectivo del Estado de Israel sobre Gaza y Cisjordania. Ya hubo otros: 2008, operación «Plomo Fundido»; 2012, operación «Pilar de Defensa». Todos merecieron una tibia condena por parte de este Parlamento.

Todas esas agresiones, al final, quedaron impunes. Impunes también ante una equidistancia vergonzante entre uno de los ejércitos más importantes del mundo y un pueblo ocupado y aislado por tierra, por mar y por aire —en lo que se ha dado en llamar la cárcel más grande del mundo—.

¿Qué podemos hacer? Mínimo, replantearnos el Acuerdo Euromediterráneo hasta que se cumplan los derechos humanos recogidos en el artículo 2. Mañana se dirá en la calle: mañana habrá movilizaciones en toda Europa —también en Israel por parte de la sociedad civil— y se pedirá a la comunidad internacional una reacción.





Patrick LE HYARIC
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Patrick Le Hyaric (GUE/NGL). - Madame la Présidente, Monsieur le délégué de la Vice-présidente/Haute représentante, vous avez fait un exposé équilibré et intéressant. Il faut, comme vous l'avez dit, faire cesser toutes les violences, mais il ne faut jamais oublier qu'il y a un pays occupant, l'État d'Israël, surarmé, et un pays occupé, aux mains nues, le peuple palestinien. Il y a un pays qui viole chaque jour le droit international en toute impunité, qui vole les terres et les maisons d'un autre peuple, qui emprisonne ses enfants, ses militants, ses parlementaires, et voilà qu'il conteste maintenant aux Palestiniens, le droit de former le gouvernement qu'ils veulent, c'est l'État d'Israël.

L'Union européenne ne peut rester silencieuse face aux crimes journaliers qui ont lieu aujourd'hui à Gaza. Vous devez prendre des initiatives internationales afin d'obtenir un cessez-le-feu, la fin du blocus de Gaza et l'arrêt de la colonisation. Utilisez tous les moyens à votre disposition, dont l'utilisation de l'article 2 de l'accord d'association, et suspendez toute relation tant qu'Israël ne revient pas à la raison et ne se conforme pas au droit international. Répondez à l'appel de Mahmoud Abbas de placer le peuple palestinien sous protection internationale.



Intervention of Inês Cristina Zuber, GUE/NGL, in the European Parliament plenary debate on the escalation of violence between Israel and Palestine.

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PCP – Portugal

Inês Cristina Zuber (GUE/NGL). - Nos últimos dias, verificaram-se mais de cento e cinquenta mortos, incluindo crianças, mais de um milhar de feridos e a destruição sistemática de habitações palestinianas. Nas últimas 24 horas, seis instalações de Agências das Nações Unidas, incluindo escolas e centros de saúde, foram atingidas, bombardeadas e, provavelmente, a cada hora que passa, enquanto estamos aqui, mais mortes estão a suceder.

Em dezenas de anos, ocupação ilegal, repressão, usurpação, saque e permanente humilhação por parte de Israel ao povo palestino.

Na resolução que o Parlamento provavelmente vai adotar, é inaceitável, é cínico e é vergonhoso fazer crer que o agressor é a vítima e que a vítima é o agressor.

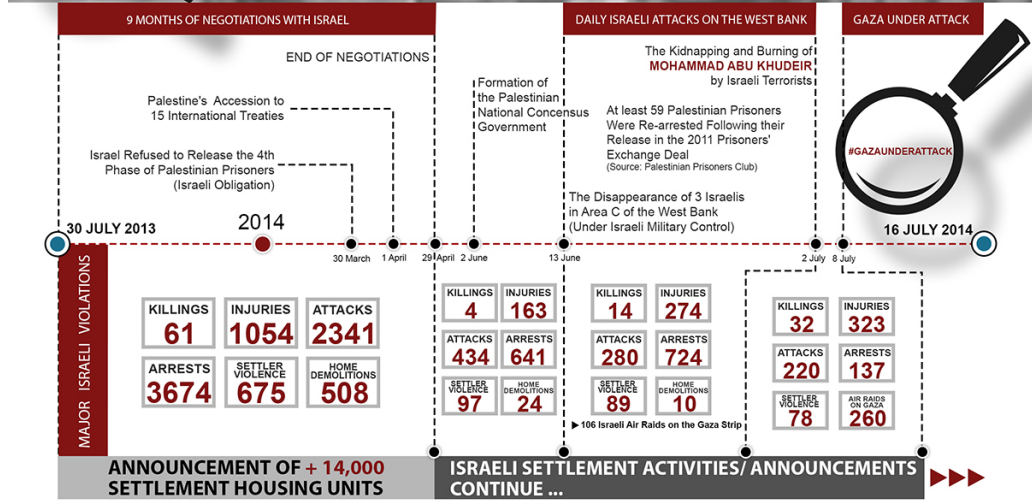
Querer ser neutral numa situação de terrorismo de Estado por parte de uma potência ocupante é o mesmo que ser colaborador e cúmplice dessa agressão.

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GAZA: UNDER ISRAELI SIEGE

- Area : 365 km²
- Population: 1.7 Million
- 913,000 Refugees
- 8 Registered Refugee Camps

KILLINGS 205	INJURED 1530	HOMES (COMPLETELY / PARTIALLY) DEMOLISHED 1177	HOMES DAMAGED 13,550
39 24 11	422 271 51	PEOPLE AFFECTED BY DESTRUCTION OF WATER AND WASTE WATER INFRASTRUCTURES 600,000	SCHOOLS DAMAGED 79
DISPLACED PEOPLE + 20,000	DAMAGED 3 HOSPITALS 5 HEALTH CENTERS	3 MOSQUES (COMPLETELY DAMAGED) 64 MOSQUES (PARTIALLY DAMAGED)	FISHING BOATS DAMAGED 32
		3 MINISTRIES (MAJOR DAMAGE) 5 MINISTRIES (PARTIALLY DAMAGED)	

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