

**Question for written answer E-002549/2024
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign
Affairs and Security Policy
Rule 144
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Subject: Ensuring accountability and strategic impact of EU aid on Lebanon's humanitarian and security situation

The EU¹ and its Member States²³ provide substantial humanitarian and military support to Lebanon. A recent international conference for Lebanon in Paris raised USD 800 million in humanitarian aid and USD 200 million for the security forces.⁴ Given this substantial aid, and Lebanon's critical and fragile geopolitical position amid ongoing regional tensions, it is essential to ensure that this support strictly fulfils its humanitarian and security objectives.

This aid not only aims to address humanitarian needs, but also strengthen Lebanon's armed forces, enabling them to secure full operational control over the country, including over critical areas such as the southern region and Beirut International Airport.

However, recent reports indicate that Hezbollah has substantial control over critical civilian infrastructure, such as Beirut International Airport,⁵ where it engages in illegal arms transfers, arms storage, and terrorism-related activities.

1. Is the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) aware of these reports?
2. What measures is the VP/HR taking to ensure that EU aid is used to counter these actions, preventing further destabilisation of the region?
3. Considering Hezbollah's significant influence within Lebanon, how does the VP/HR ensure that no EU funds or resources directly or indirectly benefit Hezbollah, its affiliates, or individuals associated with it?

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¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_2384.

² <https://www.ccomptes.fr/en/publications/french-state-aid-lebanon-2020>.

³ <https://www.yahoo.com/news/germany-further-15-million-military-155648464.html>.

⁴ <https://apnews.com/article/middle-east-lebanon-conference-paris-humanitarian-aid-30a97f88d2ec8dc138385d18a31dbb69>.

⁵ <https://www.fdd.org/analysis/2024/10/22/iran-is-using-lebanons-airport-to-fund-terrorism-the-world-must-respond/>.