

**Question for written answer E-002615/2024/rev.1
to the Council**

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Subject: Illegal settlements and settler violence

Since Israel's invasion, the Israeli Netanyahu Government has approved a record number of new settlements in the occupied Palestinian West Bank¹.

Further settler violence in the West Bank has intensified over the past year, with the UN documenting more than 1 400 attacks by settlers on Palestinian communities since October 2023. This violence often aims to drive Palestinians from their homes and seize their land to establish outposts, which are illegal under both international and Israeli law².

Several organisations are involved in promoting the illegal settlements and inciting violence against Palestinians in the West Bank. They include the construction company Amana, which allocates resources for Israeli settlers involved in aggression and violence against Palestinian communities in the West Bank³. Consequently, the UK⁴ and Canada⁵ have recently imposed sanctions on Amana.

Will the Council follow the UK and Canada's lead by ensuring that the EU imposes sanctions on organisations like Amana, which actively promote illegal settlements and incite settler violence?

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¹ <https://politiken.dk/internationalt/art10117756/Israel-har-gnavet-sig-ind-p%C3%A5-Vestbredden-under-krigen-i-Gaza?srsId=AfmBOop7CV3w86B5x5iO1sbWQL555L-S9fTglSKfZXIEyjKk7fm6xppqO>.

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-sanctions-target-illegal-outposts-and-organisations-supporting-extremist-israeli-settlers-in-the-west-bank>.

³ <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-sanctions-target-illegal-outposts-and-organisations-supporting-extremist-israeli-settlers-in-the-west-bank>.

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-uk-sanctions-target-illegal-outposts-and-organisations-supporting-extremist-israeli-settlers-in-the-west-bank>.

⁵ <https://www.canada.ca/en/global-affairs/news/2024/06/canada-imposes-second-round-of-sanctions-on-perpetrators-of-extremist-settler-violence-against-civilians-in-west-bank.html>.