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Gaza: Tokia Saïfi denounces "unjustified" and "disproportionate" attack

French MEP Tokia Saïfi (EPP), who chairs the political affairs committee of the Euromed Assembly, firmly condemned on Monday "the unjustified and disproportionate attack by Israeli forces on a convoy of humanitarian ships heading for the Gaza strip which resulted in at least nineteen dead and dozens injured".

"Israel will not influence the dialogue for peace nor contribute to a lasting settlement of the Middle East conflict by reacting like this", said Ms Saïfi in a statement issued on behalf of the Committee on Political Affairs, Security and Human Rights of EMPA (the Euromediterranean Parliamentary Assembly).

She stressed that "EMPA and its political affairs committee have on numerous occasions called for the Gaza blockade to be lifted, and denounced the humanitarian catastrophe which has engulfed so many Palestinians".