



PRESS RELEASE

More than 15,000 people sign a petition demanding Ursula von der Leyen's immediate resignation

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More than 15,000 people have so far signed [a petition launched by MERA25 Germany](#)—the political party of pan-European movement DiEM25—demanding the immediate resignation of Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, over her disregard of the EU's legal framework and basic moral decency in her unqualified support for the Israeli government's collective punishment of the civilian population of Gaza.

While condemning attacks on civilians in Israel, von der Leyen has supported the sealing off of civilians in Gaza from water, food and electricity and the bombing of the people of Gaza under the guise of "defence". This unilateral action disregards both international law and the limits of her own mandate—given that the EU's foreign policy is not her responsibility—and has sparked condemnation from diplomats around the world, and even officials both in Brussels and elsewhere in the EU.

YANIS VAROUFAKIS, DiEM25 CO-FOUNDER: "Mrs. von der Leyen, incompetence we can tolerate. But flying to a warzone to cheerlead, on behalf of Europeans, war crimes and crimes against humanity: that we shall not tolerate. You are a disgrace and a liability. It is time for you to resign".

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about if we join forces across borders. This is the mission of DiEM25: through a coordinated effort, across Europe, to unite citizens and create enough energy to save the EU from itself.