

Maltese activist injured by Israeli army in Gaza

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MALTESE national Bianca Zammit was injured by Israeli forces yesterday when they shot her with live ammunition during a peaceful rally in Gaza in solidarity with Palestinian farmers.

The 28-year-old human rights activist was accompanying Palestinians on agricultural land in Al Maghazi at around 12pm in the 300-metre area from the buffer zone with Israel, designated by the latter as a "no-go area".

Zammit was hit in her left thigh as she was filming the activity, between 80 and 100 metres away from Israeli soldiers. She was rushed to Al Aqsa Hospital in Deir Al Balah where she was found to be suffering from light injuries and no fractures.

"I was lucky because the bullet went through my skin without hitting me in the bones," Zammit told MaltaToday from a hospital bed shortly after a medical intervention.

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Maltese activist Bianca Zammit, at the Al Aqsa hospital, after being shot with live ammunition by the Israeli forces in Gaza



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EU bank assessing Delimara report

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THE European Investment Bank (EIB) has confirmed it is "assessing" the Auditor General's report into the shortcomings that have tainted the adjudication of the €230 million Delimara power station extension.

Speaking to MaltaToday, a spokesman for the Luxembourg based EIB – which is financing €150 million from EU taxpayers' money through a soft-loan for the project – said that "according to the procedures of the EIB we are

assessing the report."

Asked to specify about the procedures, the spokesman stressed that the EIB was not in a position to comment any further. "We are looking into the matter and that is all we can say at this point in time."

The points highlighted by the Auditor General – so far given short shrift by Prime Minister Lawrence Gonzi and his ministers Tonio Fenech and Austin Gatt – are under the EIB's perusal, since the bank insists on transparent procurement procedures.

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