

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0990/04
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to the Commission

Subject: The recent clashes between Syrian Kurds and the Syrian authorities (March 2004)

Has the Commission sought information about the recent clashes between Syrian Kurds and the Syrian army, and what is the Commission's response to them?

Can the Commission ascertain the causes of the unrest, which led to many deaths, and whether it is due to the poor relations between the Syrian authorities and the Syrian Kurds?

Will the Commission raise this issue in the margins of the talks on the association agreement between Syria and the EU?