

Question for written answer E-008668/2014
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Execution by hanging of Reyhaneh Jabbari in Iran

At dawn on Saturday 25 October 2014 the Iranian authorities ended the life of a young woman named Reyhaneh Jabbari. She was executed by hanging, after having been sentenced to death in a trial lacking any form of legal guarantee. She had committed the crime of exercising her legitimate right to self-defence against a man trying to rape her.

Once again, Iran has carried out the death penalty despite numerous complaints about the unfairness of the trial.

In light of the above, I wish to ask the following:

1. Next week, Iran will hear the United Nations member countries' recommendations as part of the Universal Periodic Review carried out by the organisation. Has the High Representative coordinated a joint response by EU Member States strongly condemning Iran's use of the death penalty under these circumstances?
2. Has she studied the possibility of coordinating a joint strategy by the EU and its Member States to recall all their ambassadors from Iran and express the EU's profound disgust at these events?
3. Will this execution have an impact on the partial lifting of EU trade sanctions on Iran, which took place in January this year?