

**Question for written answer E-008725/2014
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Executions in Iran

On 28 October 2014, Ahmed Shaheed, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Iran, warned that there had been an 'alarming increase' in the number of executions taking place. Since June 2013 at least 852 people, including eight juvenile offenders, have been executed. According to Shaheed, 'the majority of these executions continue to be for alleged crimes that do not meet international standards of "most serious", including political crimes, drug possession, and corruption.'

1. In light of the growing links between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the EU, what is the position of the High Representative / Vice-President regarding the growing number of executions that have taken place in Iran over the past year?