

Question for written answer E-010542/2014
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Mass death sentences in Egypt

In December 2014, 188 people were sentenced to death in Egypt on charges of killing 11 police officers in the town of Kerdasa in August 2013. This is just another example of how Egypt's judicial system and its sentences are spiralling out of control. These mass death sentences (of which this case is the third in 2014) are clearly guided by political whim, and they are proof that Egypt's judiciary system does not work independently.

Through these actions, the undemocratic government of General Sisi is reminding us of the worst moments of the Mubarak regime.

1. Has the Vice-President/High Representative publicly expressed her concerns on the drift towards authoritarianism of the current Egyptian Government?
2. What diplomatic measures is the Commission promoting to put an end to these mass death sentences?
3. Will the Vice-President/High Representative put these concerns on the table at all EU–Egypt talks, regardless of whether the context is economic or political?