

Question for written answer E-000919/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Criminalisation of journalists in Ukraine

Ever since the conflict in Ukraine began, journalists deployed there have been specially targeted with threats and attacks by the parties involved in the conflict. According to information from the Committee to Protect Journalists, Ukraine is, along with countries in the Middle East and Afghanistan, one of the most dangerous places in the world to work in this profession.

In Ukraine the journalist Graham Phillips, who is covering the war in Donbass, has been singled out by Ukrainian nationalist extremists on their website for 'collaborating with terrorists', which represents a threat to his life in the exercise of his profession.

1. Is the High Representative aware of the situation of journalists in Ukraine and, in particular, the case of Graham Phillips?
2. Does the High Representative intend to express her concern about the harassment of journalists to the Ukrainian authorities?