

Question for written answer E-003420/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: Mysterious fatal shootings in Independence Square in Kiev

On the anniversary of the revolution in Ukraine, media and politicians called to mind the fatal shootings, still unresolved, in connection with the violent protests in February 2014 in Independence Square in Kiev. While Ukrainian authorities have foiled rather than speeded up a thorough investigation into last year's events, there are more and more indications that, contrary to initial claims, those who carried out the some one hundred fatal shootings were not members of police units loyal to the regime ('Berkut'). Such suspicions were fuelled as long ago as March 2014 by an intercepted telephone conversation between Estonian foreign minister Paet and the EU's then High Representative, Catherine Ashton.

1. What new information does the Commission have as to who carried out the shootings in question in February 2014 in Kiev's Independence Square?
2. What approaches has the Commission made to the Ukrainian Government and/or judicial authorities in order either to obtain details of the current findings of inquiries or, at last, to press for a thorough investigation into the events?
3. What information does the Commission have as to whether and, if so, to what extent those responsible for the fatal shootings and/or those who carried them out have been called to account by the Ukrainian authorities?