

Question for written answer E-003634/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Struggle against Islamic State (IS) in Iraq

The Government of Iraq is determined to retake the important strategic city of Tikrit, which has been held by the self-proclaimed Islamic State since June 2014. Wresting control of Tikrit from IS, a city which is only 180 kilometres from Baghdad, is vital in the struggle against terrorism in the Middle East. Various attempts have already been made to regain control of the city, but so far all efforts have failed. In order to achieve this important objective, the Baghdad Government will absolutely have to initiate closer ties with the Sunni community.

What is the High Representative's assessment of the security situation in Iraq?

Does the High Representative intend to support the Government of Iraq in its struggle against the self-proclaimed Islamic State?