

**Question for written answer E-005258/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Political detainments in Congo

The arrest of at least 26 activists on 15 March 2015, including foreign journalists and a United States diplomat, followed a news conference by the pro-democracy youth movement Filimbi, organised with support from the US embassy in Kinshasa.

On 17 March 2015, the authorities arrested and roughed up at least 10 Congolese activists in the eastern city of Goma during a peaceful protest outside the office of Congo's National Intelligence Agency, calling for the release of those arrested in Kinshasa.

The arrested people have not been brought before a judge, officially charged with offenses, or had access to their lawyers or families, raising concerns for their safety.

Will the VP/HR engage the Congolese Government in talks with the aim of ensuring a peaceful political process in Congo?