

Question for written answer E-006547/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Repression of Saharan activists

Last week, a delegation from the OHCHR witnessed the repression perpetrated by Moroccan State security forces against groups of Saharan demonstrators and human rights activists.

The members of this delegation were forcibly detained by Moroccan police units while they were visiting the home of the activist Aminatu Haidar in El Aaiún. The members of the delegation were able to see how the house was surrounded by the police, who forcefully quashed the protests of the demonstrators gathered in nearby streets to seek a referendum on self-determination.

The MINURSO was unable to do anything to rescue the delegation during the siege of the activist's house, as they were prevented from doing so by the Moroccan forces.

1. Does the High Representative consider it necessary for the Moroccans to respect international law and protect the supervision and control work of the UN representatives?
2. If so, is she considering taking any diplomatic action so as to stop the Moroccan Government from interrupting and impeding the normal conduct of activities by MINURSO and other UN representatives?