

Question for written answer E-007185/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Brutal killing of a Ukrainian anti-fascist fighter

The organisation Ukraine Human Rights has published images of a person identified as a Ukrainian anti-fascist fighter being crucified. Those responsible for the killing are, reportedly, members of the battalion known as 'Azov'.

This act is not simply a standalone incident – it represents a declaration of intent by the fighters belonging to this group, which is made up of far-right volunteers. It is especially concerning that the Azov is incorporated into the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine as an 'agency for maintaining public order'.

Is the High Representative aware of the existence of the recording which shows the fighter being crucified and burned?

Does she intend to discuss the matter with the Ukrainian Government?

Does the High Representative think that the Azov battalion's position as part of the state structure will contribute to greater democracy in Ukraine?