

**Question for written answer E-008235/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Siôn Simon (S&D)

Subject: Arrest of BBC journalists in Qatar

Recently a BBC news team reporting on the conditions of migrant workers in Qatar were arrested and detained for doing their investigative job as journalists.

Does the Commission think that the actions of the Qatari Government should be condemned and that the right to a free press is essential in an open society?

Will the Commission press the Qatari Government to release the confiscated news equipment?