

**Question for written answer E-008426/2015  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
**Joëlle Bergeron (EFDD)**

Subject: VP/HR - Intimidation of journalists in Turkey

The editorial board of the American newspaper *The New York Times* recently criticised the way in which the Turkish elite intimidates and threatens journalists who dare to criticise the authorities.

The newspaper asks the United States and Turkey's other NATO allies to make an approach to the Turkish authorities and urge them to stop intimidating and threatening journalists.

1. Is the High Representative aware of the Turkish Government's attitude to journalists who are critical of the authorities?
2. Will the High Representative associate herself with this approach?