

**Question for written answer E-009809/2015  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Refugees trapped in the Jordanian desert

On 3 June 2015, Human Rights Watch accused Amman of trapping thousands of Syrian refugees in the Jordanian desert.

In late March 2015, the Jordanian authorities drastically stepped up border controls in order to prevent illegal entry into Jordan. As a result, thousands of Syrian refugees have been trapped in the demilitarised zone which serves as the border between Syria and Jordan.

1. Is the EEAS aware of this situation?
2. Could the EEAS provide help for these refugees in the form of humanitarian aid, by putting pressure on Jordan to admit them and by helping Jordan to do so?