

**Question for written answer E-010589/2015  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: VP/HR - Persecution of the Yazidi community in Iraq

The Yazidi community continues to suffer brutal persecution at the hands of Islamic State. The report by the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights concluded that the crime of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes were being committed. It also described the dramatic situation facing Yazidi women and children, who were being forced to convert to Islam, raped and sold as slaves. Only last week, 42 women were handed over to jihadist fighters in eastern Syria.

The European Parliament's resolution 2014/2843(RSP) recognised this situation and called for a series of measures to be taken by the European institutions and Member States.

Given the indiscriminate persecution of the Yazidi community, and bearing in mind that the European Parliament and the Commission are committed to taking the action necessary to help bring this situation to an end:

1. Will the VP/HR act on the requests made by the Iraqi Member of Parliament Vian Dakhil during her visit to the European Parliament, such as her call for psychological support to be given to refugee girls who have been victims of the abuse described above?
2. Is the VP/HR planning to request an increase in humanitarian aid for refugees from Iraqi Kurdistan?
3. How is the VP/HR cooperating with the Iraqi authorities to protect and help the Yazidi minority?