

**Question for written answer E-012022/2015**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
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Subject: VP/HR - Turkey against the Kurdish organisations fighting Da'esh

Reports and testimonies by diplomats and analysts indicate that Turkey is failing to monitor or indeed tolerating the presence of terrorists on its territory, and this has led many members of the international community to wonder whether the smattering of bombing raids carried out against Da'esh are simply a smokescreen behind which to attack the only ones who are combating terrorism on the ground.

Following Turkey's police and military offensive both on Turkish soil and in Syria, it can be seen that the bulk of the operation is being targeted at Kurdish political organisations and the Kurdish forces fighting Da'esh, sometimes in cooperation with the US-led international coalition, and that the ceasefire agreed between the PKK and the Turkish Government has been broken.

What is the High Representative's opinion on this topic?

Is EU diplomacy seeking to ensure that the ceasefire between the PKK and Turkey is restored in order to contribute to regional peace?

Given the authoritarian nature of the Turkish Government and the absence of human rights guarantees in relation to police custody, will the High Representative make enquiries concerning those detained in this large-scale operation, many of whom are left-wing militants who do not appear to have any links with terrorism?