

**Question for written answer E-012130/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Fresh wave of violence against the Kurds in Turkey

The arrest of a number of Kurdish mayors in south-eastern Turkey the day before yesterday was the culmination of a campaign of mass repression conducted by Ankara against the Kurdish community since 20 July.

According to analysts, this new departure by Mr Erdogan was prompted by the recent successes of the Kurdish People's Democratic Party (HDP), which cleared the 10 % hurdle at the last elections, and the failure of the Justice and Development Party (AKP) to form a coalition government with the Nationalist Action Party (MHP). In an ostensible bid to combat terrorism, he is now fanning the flames of nationalism in the hope of bringing HDP support down below 10 % and thereby securing the return to power of the AKP with a mandate to govern alone.

All this began to build up just a few days after Commissioner Mogherini's meeting with Mr **Davutoğlu** on 25 July 2015 and a statement issued by her regarding the fundamental importance of preserving the Kurdish peace process and the need to avoid any action that might endanger it:

In view of this:

What view does the Commission take of the current situation in Turkey?

Will it condemn this fresh wave of violence as an underhand manoeuvre motivated by ignoble political intentions?

Does it consider that the recent entry of the HDP on the political scene has been a positive and necessary development, not only for the Kurdish peace process but also for the democratisation of Turkey?