

**Question for written answer E-000096/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Violent clashes in Diyarbakir

Yesterday saw renewed violent clashes between demonstrators and Turkish riot police leaving at least seven people dead and many others injured in Diyarbakir and Mardin.

In several districts of Diyarbakir, insurgents and protesters exchanged live gunfire with the police. These clashes erupted on Monday morning after the Peoples' Democratic Party (HDP) had called for a demonstration to protest about the imposition of curfews by the Turkish government on the Kurdish provinces. The riot police tried to disperse the crowd by force, using water cannons and plastic bullets and live rounds.

In the meantime, the Turkish government has again imposed a curfew in several Kurdish provinces (Hakkari, Diyarbakir and Mardin).

In view of the above, will the VP/HR say:

What is the state of affairs regarding the process to resolve the Kurdish problem and is the VP/HR monitoring whether there is any progress?