

**Question for written answer E-000438/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Disappearances in Thailand

On 6 January 2016 the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, urged the Government of Thailand to make decisive and sustained efforts to investigate the whereabouts of at least 82 people listed as disappeared, including prominent Muslim lawyer Somchai Neelapaijit, who went missing in 2004.

On 29 December 2015 the Supreme Court acquitted five police officers charged in relation to the March 2004 disappearance of Somchai Neelapaijit, despite the admission by then Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra that the police were responsible, and substantial evidence implicating specific police officials.

Is the VP/HR going to have talks with the Government of Thailand in order to advocate the criminalisation of enforced disappearance through legislation, in line with international standards, to take serious steps to bring those responsible for human rights violations to justice, and to urge the Thai authorities to ratify immediately the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance?