

Question for written answer E-005049/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
Franz Obermayr (ENF)

Subject: VP/HR - Discovery of British bombs in Yemeni villages

The European counter-terrorism information centre recently reported that Amnesty International found unexploded cluster bombs during a village inspection in North Yemen. The munitions were manufactured by the British company Bedfordshire in the Seventies. Amnesty International accuses the Saudi-Arabia-led LED-coalition troops of regularly and systematically using these banned weapons. In addition, BL-755 bombs, which the Saudi-Arabian air force uses, from Tornados manufactured in the UK were dropped. The Tornado was designed for this type of bomb. Amnesty International is calling on the UK to deal with such alleged war crimes more severely and to make sure that the bombs which were sold to Saudi-Arabia in great numbers in the Eighties and Nineties are no longer used.

Has the VP/HR carried out investigations into this and/or similar incidents?

Will the VP/HR take action so that, in future, such incidents are automatically investigated, and/or what other measures have been planned?