

**Question for written answer E-005180/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
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Subject: VP/HR - Human rights in Ethiopia

According to a dispatch from Human Rights Watch, Ethiopian security forces have fired on and killed hundreds of students, farmers and other peaceful protesters.

Since November 2015, Ethiopian citizens have been protesting against the Government's proposed expansion of the capital's municipal boundary through the Addis Ababa Integrated Development Master Plan. Protesters fear that the Master Plan would displace Oromo farmers, as has happened with increasing frequency over the past decade, resulting in a negative impact on farm communities, while benefiting a small elite.

Is the VP/HR going to call on the Ethiopian Government to release those wrongfully detained, support a credible, independent investigation, and hold security force members accountable for abuses?