

**Question for written answer E-005489/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Destruction of communities and killing of Kurdish people in Southeast Anatolia

Local authorities of towns such as Diyarbakir, Cizre, Sirnak, Silopi, Nusaybin, Yüksekova and Idil, which are located in south-eastern Turkey and predominantly Kurdish, have condemned the Turkish army for destroying their communities and systematically killing civilians. These towns are already being targeted by the Turkish authorities because of their left-leaning Kurdish majority.

Lice province, which is also in this area, has been under curfew for a week, and its authorities reported attacks which are destroying towns and killing thousands of people.

The same sources state that more than 500 000 people are being internally displaced.

1. Will the Commission speak out against the Turkish army's destruction of Kurdish communities?
2. Does she believe that the EU should maintain its agreements, including the EU-Turkey Statement of 18 March 2016, with a country that violates its own people's human rights?
3. Does she think that the EU should continue with discussions with Turkey on its accession?