

**Question for written answer E-007028/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Yemen: Saudi bombing of an Italian company's manufacturing plant

According to reliable sources, a manufacturing plant run by Caprari – a Modena-based company that has been operating in Yemen for over 20 years – was bombed by Saudi-led coalition forces only a few days before the Italian Prime Minister welcomed the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, to Rome. The company operates from Sana'a and specialises in the production of hydraulic pumps. Caprari's owners decried the attack as indefensible, given that the target was a civilian plant used solely for commercial and manufacturing purposes.

Against the background of Saudi Arabia's continued meddling in Yemen in support of factions opposed to the Shia-led Houthis, and Parliament's resolution calling for an embargo on arms sales by EU Member States to Saudi Arabia:

What stance will the High Representative take in international forums following this unjustifiable attack?

Will she push for compensation and publicly condemn the attack?

What further steps does she think are needed in order to cut off military supplies to the countries involved in the fighting in Yemen?