

Question for written answer E-007385/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - US bombings in Syria

On 17 September 2016, American bombers carried out four raids against the Syrian army, leaving at least 62 soldiers dead and more than 100 injured, near the city of Deir ez-Zor's airport in the province of the same name. The coalition aircraft which perpetrated the attacks against the Syrian army entered Syrian airspace via the Iraqi border. The attacks were carried out by two F-16 and two A-10 aircraft. Islamic State has launched a new offensive as a result of the bombings.

The official US line is that the attacks were a 'mistake'.

1. What is the VP/HR's view of the matter?
2. What does she think would happen if another country were to kill dozens of people 'by mistake'?
3. Will she call for the development of coordination mechanisms with Russia and the Syrian Government to ensure that events such as these, which destroy the negotiating credibility of the US-led coalition, do not happen again?