

**Question for written answer E-008069/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Brutality against refugees in Calais

The dismantling of the Calais refugee camp has been causing a chorus of protest among many associations present at the site for several years.

The brutality of the dismantling saw the involvement of the French riot control forces, who resorted to torturing women and children using extreme violence to carry out the clean-up operation. The chaos resulted in countless children and young people not being loaded onto buses and being left homeless without any food.

Nonetheless, the camp was closed off and shut down. Organisations and news teams were denied access. Organisations such as Emmaüs France – the ‘Inspector-General of places of deprivation of liberty’ – and Human Rights Watch have already condemned the situation. Doctors Without Borders left the camp in protest over the treatment of young people, and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, who was there as an observer, also decided to leave, as he did in Greece to protest against the poor state of hot spots.

What is the Commission’s view on the situation? Is it planning on taking action to redress the situation and improve the deteriorating conditions for refugees?