

**Question for written answer E-008688/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Case of refugee Ahmad H. facing a life sentence in Hungary

The position of the Hungarian Government regarding refugees has worsened. According to a recent Amnesty International public statement of 6 July 2016, the legal and policy developments in Hungary have further damaged asylum seekers' protection.

It is known that many refugees in their attempt to leave Serbia face the risk of being deported and are seeking shelter in Hungary. When encountering Hungarian special forces, refugees are often injured, according to reports.

On 16 September 2015, one day after Hungary closed its southern borders, many refugees were pushed back, injured and arrested, according to a number of international organisations. 11 people, including an elderly blind woman, are currently on trial in Szeged facing charges for mass rioting. Another, a Syrian national, Ahmad H., is accused of terrorism and is facing a life sentence.

Given that the last court hearing for Ahmad H. is on 30 November, we ask the Commission:

1. Is it aware of the case of Ahmad H.?
2. Does it consider his penalty to be disproportionate, if proven to be correct?
3. Based on the 1951 Human Rights Convention, what action is it planning to take to protect the rights of Ahmad H.?