

Question for written answer E-001474/2017
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
Charles Tannock (ECR)

Subject: VP/HR - Persecution of the Ahmadiyya Community in Algeria

On 21 February 2017, the national President and General Secretary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Algeria were arrested and imprisoned. This follows the arrest of 20 members of the Ahmadiyya Community in Algeria in November 2016, and appears to be part of a more generalised marginalisation and intimidation campaign against the community in Algeria.

Arrests have largely been made on the grounds of individuals making religious collections without a licence and other similar legal misdemeanours that result from the legal marginalisation that the Ahmadiyya Community faces in Algeria.

Is the VP/HR aware of the situation facing the Ahmadiyya Community in Algeria and have representations been made to the Algerian authorities via the EEAS delegation in Algiers on its behalf?