

**Question for written answer E-002149/2017
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță (S&D)**

Subject: VP/HR - Harassment of a journalist in Azerbaijan

Mehman Huseynov was detained in the evening of 9 January 2017. He was later released after being convicted and fined AZN 200 under Article 535.1 (failure to obey a lawful requirement of the police) of the Administrative Violations Code. Following his hearing, Huseynov told journalists that he had been harassed for his professional activities and tortured by police officers.

Will the VP/HR call for the release of journalist Mehman Huseynov and for an end to government persecution, harassment and arrests of journalists and bloggers and to politically motivated arrests in general?