

**Question for written answer E-005165/2017  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

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Subject: VP/HR - Sentences passed on Sahrawi human rights activists: Morocco's continuing human rights violations and failure to comply with international law

The 24 Gdeim Izik activists have spent seven years in prison since the Moroccan Army attacked their protest camp before finally dismantling it on 8 November 2010.

In their latest trial in Morocco, which began on 13 March 2017, the proceedings were riddled with irregularities, continual adjournments, obstruction of the activities of international observers, and even breaches of the UN Convention against Torture.

In view of all these irregularities and the sentences announced in the early hours of 19 July 2017 by the Criminal Division of the Salé Court of Appeal:

1. Does the High Representative intend to make any form of complaint to the Moroccan Government, bearing in mind the constant encroachment upon Sahrawi territory, the human rights violations, and the repeated failure to comply with international law?
2. Given its behaviour in this particular case and towards the Sahrawi people in general, can Morocco be said to be respecting human rights and complying with the human rights clauses of agreements and treaties concluded with non-member countries?