

**Question for written answer E-000400/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Situation of human rights defenders in Honduras

According to local NGOs, numerous social activists, human rights defenders and people actively involved in protests taking place throughout Honduras since 29 November 2017 have suffered severe human rights violations such as beatings, intimidation, harassment and stigmatisation, and some of their names appear on security force lists. According to the NGOs, on 12 January 2018 several journalists who were covering a protest in Tegucigalpa were subjected to harassment by the security forces and two journalists were subsequently injured. Another journalist has reported several security incidents since December, including death threats.

Does the VP/HR plan to hold talks with the Government of Honduras in order to ensure that it conducts thorough investigations and takes all appropriate measures to guarantee the safety of human rights defenders at risk?