

Question for written answer E-000476/2018/rev.1
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Continued violence against white South Africans

In South Africa, white farmers have for years been exposed to an unprecedented wave of violence. Statistically, a farm is attacked every day in South Africa. South Africa has the world's highest murder rate, but the murder rate among white South Africans is three times higher than the national average, while that of white farmers is six times higher. Often, the victims are tortured and ill-treated for hours before being killed.

Since the end of apartheid in 1994, up to 4 000 white farmers have been murdered. The police investigate these crimes only half-heartedly. The organisation 'Genocide Watch' warns of the threat of genocide.

Against the backdrop of continuing violence against white South Africans, 1 500 demonstrators protested in Pretoria in November 2017 and submitted a petition to the South African government.

1. Why has the Vice-President / High Representative not so far addressed the ongoing violence against white South Africans in the same way as genocide and / or human rights violations in other parts of the world?
2. To what extent has the Vice-President / High Representative addressed and criticised the ongoing violence against white South Africans in bilateral talks with the South African government?
3. To what extent is the Vice-President / High Representative taking steps to ensure that the protection of white South African farmers is a prerequisite for the conclusion of EU development assistance or development cooperation programmes with the South African government or partners?