

Question for written answer E-004529/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - The EU and the National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ)

In November 2017 I drew your attention to the grave situation of human rights and trade union rights in Somalia. In your answer of 4 December 2017, you acknowledged the ILO's decision in its Case 3113, and gave assurances regarding the ILO's recommendations that the EU 'will follow up their implementation'.

However, the situation has worsened, and the EU Delegation to Somalia has not helped to implement the ILO's decisions as you committed in your response, by awarding a grant to an organisation called VIKES of which purportedly the co-beneficiary is the National Union of Somali Journalists (NUSOJ). Actually, the genuine NUSOJ, recognised by the ILO, is not a partner in this project. As stated in court papers, the EU delegation is supporting Mohamed Ibrahim Nur (Moalimuu), a government-sponsored person who uses the name of NUSOJ as part of the government's efforts to delegitimise independent unions. The European Parliament has passed a resolution endorsing the ILO's decision, and in August the High Court of Kenya issued an injunction barring VIKES from disbursing any funds to Moalimuu in the name of NUSOJ.

Why is the EU delegation to Somalia refusing to accept, respect and implement the ILO's decision in Case 3113, the European Parliament's resolution on Somalia, and the court orders against VIKES and Mohamed Ibrahim?