

**Question for written answer E-004674/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Execution of three Kurdish prisoners in Iran

On 8 September 2018, Zaniar Moradi, Loghman Moradi and Ramin Hossein Panahi, three Iranian Kurds, were executed in Iran. They had been sentenced to death for belonging to a terrorist group and for belonging to a separatist terrorist group.

However, two UN independent experts, Agnes Callamard and Javaid Rehman¹, have reported that the accused had been subject to human rights violations prior to and during their trial, including isolation, torture, cruelty and denial of access to a lawyer or to medical treatment. During their trial, they stated that the judgment had been handed down on the basis of confessions obtained through torture.

In light of these reports confirming the challenging human rights situation in Iran, does the VP/HR:

- 1) plan to publicly condemn these new executions?
- 2) plan to adopt an official position regarding the worrying human rights developments in Iran?
- 3) believe that the Union could encourage the Iranian authorities to respect their obligations under international law?

¹ <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=23512&LangID=E>