

**Question for written answer E-004875/2018
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Deadly military offensive against civilians in South Sudan

An Amnesty International report has revealed the horrific violence of a recent military offensive in South Sudan, which was waged between April and July 2018 in the villages of Leer and Mayendit by government forces and allied militias. This offensive led to the deliberate, savage killing of dozens of women, children, elderly people and disabled people, followed by the persecution and murder of those who attempted to flee, as well as systematic sexual abuse. According to the report, the offensive was made possible because the authorities have not prosecuted several suspected war criminals, responsible for previous acts of deadly violence against civilians.

The EU has already channelled hundreds of millions of euros into peacekeeping and protecting human rights in the country, and is involved in efforts to reach an Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in South Sudan. Can the Commission say:

What measures are being pursued by the EU to encourage the Sudanese authorities to put an end to the intolerable human rights violations and culture of impunity in the country?

Specifically, how does the EU intend to press for the materialisation of the Hybrid Court stipulated in the 2015 peace agreement and for the implementation of UN Resolution 2428?