

**Question for written answer E-005511/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Notis Marias (ECR)**

Subject: Murder of Greek expatriate Konstantinos Katsifas by the Albanian police and measures to protect the Greek national minority in Northern Epirus

Greek public opinion is shocked by the cold-blooded execution of the Greek expatriate Konstantinos Katsifas as part of a 'clean-up' operation by the Albanian police on 28 October 2018 in the village of Vouliarates in Northern Epirus.

This murderous act by the Albanian police found political support in the provocative statements made by Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama, who is known for his anti-Greek sentiments.

It is noted that the Albanian authorities continued their provocations by taking down the Greek flag in Vouliarates on the day of the Greek national anniversary of 28 October 1940, at the same time that the proud Greek national minority celebrated the resistance of the Greek people against Italian fascism.

We have repeatedly denounced the Albanian authorities to the European Parliament for committing systematic and brutal violations of the rights of the Greek national minority in Northern Epirus, by demolishing churches, seizing property and terrorising, in a blatant violation of international human rights conventions and the 1914 Protocol of Corfu on the Autonomy of Northern Epirus.

What measures does the Commission intend to take to force Albania to respect the rights of the Greek national minority in Northern Epirus, to stop the murders of Greek expatriates there and to punish the murderers of Konstantinos Katsifas?