

**Question for written answer E-005640/2018**  
**to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 130  
**Alex Mayer (S&D)**

Subject: VP/HR - Imprisonment of Oleg Horjan

I wish to alert the VP/HR to the unlawful imprisonment of Oleg Horjan, a member of the Transnistrian Supreme Soviet.

On 6 June 2018, he was arrested after he held a meeting with a few hundred constituents on 2 June 2018. The authorities, soon after, started intimidating the attendees, with several constituents being unlawfully detained.

On 6 June, during the Supreme Soviet plenary session, Oleg Horjan had his parliamentary immunity lifted and criminal charges were brought against him.

I am concerned about the fairness of the trial. No video or audio recording was permitted and supporters of Mr Horjan were turned away.

During his trial, in which he was sentenced to 4 years 6 months' imprisonment, his lawyers were intimidated by judges, who denied all their requests and refused their requests to call witnesses that could clear his name, despite the prosecution having all their requests accepted and witnesses allowed to testify.

Can the VP/HR advise whether she is aware of this politically motivated, unlawful imprisonment of Oleg Horjan and if she intends to take any action in this regard?