

**Question for written answer E-001433/2019
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Situation in South Sudan and human rights violations

A UN report¹ states that human rights abuses in South Sudan, including against minors, may amount to war crimes.

More specifically, it reports that, in specific areas, 65% of women and 36% of men may have been victims of sexual abuse. Also women are raped and 'used' as sex slaves, while about 25% of cases of sexual violence involve minors.

There are thousands of citizens who have been violently displaced because of the scorched earth policy. The parties involved in the conflict attack the villages, burning houses, killing citizens and raping women and girls.

The report states that a law ensuring that South Sudan's oil-producing regions and communities will receive two and three per cent of oil revenues, respectively, has triggered a resurgence of clashes between provinces and between ethnic groups.

In view of the above, will the High Representative say:

1. What steps has she taken, in consultation with the UN, to ensure that clashes are prevented and that the abuse of the population ceases?

2. Does she know whether oil companies (European and American) active in the region are in any way involved in the conflict?

¹ https://www.securitycouncilreport.org/atf/cf/%7B65BFCF9B-6D27-4E9C-8CD3-CF6E4FF96FF9%7D/A_HRC_40_69.pdf