

Question for written answer P-007412/2014
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Death of a Sahrawi prisoner of conscience

On 30 September 2014, Sahrawi human rights activist and prisoner of conscience Hasana El Wali died under strange circumstances in a military hospital in the occupied city of Dakhla (Western Sahara). This is the Moroccan Government's latest indication of its position vis-à-vis the international community's efforts to peacefully secure the Sahrawi people's right to self determination and of its refusal to fully recognise the human and fundamental rights of the Sahrawi people.

This latest flagrant violation of human rights by the Moroccan Government prompts the following questions:

1. Does the Vice-President/High Representative intend to call the Moroccan ambassador to the EU to account and request that an independent inquiry be carried out to establish responsibility for the death of the Sahrawi prisoner Hasana El Wali?
2. Will the VP/HR engage in real dialogue with the Moroccan Government in order to find a solution that ensures international human rights law is respected in the conflict in Western Sahara?