

**Question for written answer P-007499/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - The arrest of human rights activist Narges Mohammadi in Iran

On 5 May 2015 it was reported that Narges Mohammadi, a prominent human rights activist and leader of the Defenders of Human Rights Centre, had been arrested at her home in Tehran, Iran.

Though the charges against Mohammadi, and where she is currently detained, are still unknown to the public, she has previously faced charges for 'propaganda against the state' in her struggle to protect human rights in Iran. Her civil rights activities and her involvement in setting up the 'Step by Step to Stop Death Penalty' group with the aim of abolishing the death penalty in Iran have been deemed illegal.

In light of this, we ask the Vice-President/High Representative to please answer the following questions:

1. Is the VP/HR aware of Narges Mohammadi's situation, and what will the Commission and/or the European External Action Service (EEAS) do to acknowledge this specific case?
2. How is the Commission/EEAS addressing the issue to the Iranian authorities, and what can the EU do to make sure that human rights are protected and that people representing human rights organisations in Iran are not unjustly targeted?