

**Priority question for written answer P-000538/2024
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs
and Security Policy**

Rule 138

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Subject: The situation of Dr Gubad Ibadoghlu in Azerbaijan

In September 2023, Parliament adopted an urgency resolution¹ on the case of Dr Gubad Ibadoghlu, a political prisoner in Azerbaijan. Dr Ibadoghlu was arrested by the Azerbaijani authorities in July 2023 and has been in detention ever since. His arrest and detention have been widely condemned as arbitrary and politically motivated. Recent reports indicate that Dr Ibadoghlu's health is deteriorating rapidly, but that the Azerbaijani authorities have so far refused to provide him with adequate medical care.

1. How are the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the EU Delegation to Azerbaijan kept informed of this matter, and how often do they receive information about it?
2. What will the EU do, in diplomatic terms, to support Dr Ibadoghlu and ensure that he receives adequate medical treatment as quickly as possible?
3. Will the EU consider targeted sanctions against all those in Azerbaijan who are involved in human rights violations?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2023-0323_EN.pdf.