

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1270/03
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to the Council

Subject: Human rights violations in Burma

The Burmese army is using rape as a weapon of war along the Thai-Burma border, especially directed towards the Shan minority in Burma. The situation has worsened since the release of the report 'Licence to rape' by the Shan Human Rights Foundation and the Shan Women's Action Network in May 2002. The report documents 173 cases of sexual violence, involving 625 women and girls, committed by the Burmese army between 1996 and 2001. I would like to request that the Council sends a fact-finding mission to investigate all human rights violations carried out by the Burmese army. Is the Council intending to do so?