

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2288/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Treatment of third-country nationals in prisons in the EU Member States

The Turkish daily newspaper Hürriyet carried an article drawing attention to restrictions on the rights of third-country nationals held in prisons in the EU.

Those restrictions concerned the right to visits, to make complaints and to day release.

To what extent is the Commission aware of these problems? What areas are affected by these restrictions? What is the legal basis for their imposition? Are these restrictions being dealt with as part of the process of approximating home affairs policies, or will they continue to differ from Member State to Member State?