

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2440/04
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to the Council

Subject: Anti-Hungarian atrocities in Voivodina

Given the high priority assigned by the Community to Balkan stabilisation and the New Neighbourhood policy, what security challenges are presented by the numerous anti-Hungarian atrocities in Serbia-Montenegro, which are jeopardising the considerable EU political and economic investment in the Balkans by reviving ethnic violence against a part of the Hungarian nation which has lived for 1000 years in the Carpathian Basin, i.e. Voivodina Hungarians, cut off from the people of a Member State merely by borders drawn in the 20th century?

What measures could the Council ask High Representative Javier Solana to take in order to prevent such ethnic clashes from escalating as a result of possible future waves of refugees from different civil wars affecting the Serbian nation and from upcoming elements of the Kosovo agenda?