WRITTEN QUESTION E-3079/06 by Albert Maat (PPE-DE) and Camiel Eurlings (PPE-DE) to the Council

Subject: Alarming situation in Syria and consequences for the EU's migration and asylum policy

On Thursday, 15 June 2006, the European Parliament adopted a resolution on Syria (P6_TA(2006)0279). Increasingly often, human rights activists, journalists and politicians are being imprisoned in that country without due process. Repression of ethnic and religious minorities is also increasing. These circumstances also affect the situation of Syrian nationals who have fled to EU Member States but are sent back to their country of origin.

Does the Council still consider such a return policy justifiable?

Will the Council take the initiative to improve the coordination of European policy on immigration, asylum and the deportation of Syrian nationals?

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