

Question for written answer E-001437/2012
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Pakistan

1. The recent bomb blast on 6 January 2012 in Afghanistan is raising several questions, as many local sources are pointing to the involvement of the Pakistani Army in the attacks as possible retaliation for the killing of 24 Pakistani soldiers on 26 November 2011.
2. As regards the recent killing of the 24 Pakistani soldiers by NATO troops, it is alleged that NATO fire was targeting militants, while it is also believed that the targeted area contained several Pakistani military posts. Does the High Representative interpret this as a further sign that the Pakistani military and security forces are playing a double game in the area and simultaneously giving support to NATO troops and to the militants?
3. In the light of the considerable financial support and humanitarian assistance which the European Union is giving Pakistan, does the High Representative regard it as necessary to strengthen conditionality for that aid, in particular as regards the situation of women in Pakistan, and give political rights to the people of Gilgit-Baltistan?
4. The Bonn 2 conference ended with great success, with new and renewed promises. Can the High Representative give an assurance that EU financial assistance will be provided in ways that do not benefit the Pakistani Army?