

**Question for written answer E-005624/2012
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Turkish musician Fazil Say accused of insulting Islam

1. What is the Commission's view of the news reports 'Turkish pianist charged with insulting Islam'¹ and 'Turkish pianist Fazil Say charged over Islam "insult"'²?
2. What is the charge against Fazil Say, on the basis of which legal principles is he being prosecuted and what is the Commission's view of these legal principles?
3. Does the Commission share the observation that this is a new attack on freedom of speech by the Islamising Turkish state? If not, why not?
4. How does the Fazil Say case affect Turkey's EU accession process?

¹ <http://www.ynetnews.com/articles/0,7340,L-4237094,00.html>

² <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/turkish-pianist-fazil-say-charged-over-islam-insult-7811445.html>