

**Question for written answer E-007916/2012
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 117
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Subject: VP/HR - Violation of human rights in Pakistan

Last week, a 14 year-old Christian girl with Down's syndrome was unjustly arrested on a false accusation of blasphemy after a man reported her for having burned some pages of the Koran. The girl faces a possible death sentence. A few days later, also in Pakistan, a 10 year-old Christian girl was lured, raped and left unconscious by a Moslem man.

According to Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, at least 943 women and girls were killed in 2011 for breaking codes of female conduct laid down by local tribal law.

1. Has the Vice President/High Representative made a statement on this outrageous situation?
2. Does the Vice President/High Representative intend to condemn and these actions and apply penalties? If so, in what way?
3. What action does the Vice President/High Representative intend to take if human rights and those of women and, in this case, children, continue to be abused in Pakistan?