

**Question for written answer E-011466/2012
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Victims of Pakistan's blasphemy law

On 3 December 2012, a 22-year-old Muslim was buried in Nankana Sahib, near Lahore. He died while under arrest, most probably as a result of being beaten by police officers.

The mentally disabled man was convicted, without proof, of insulting Islam and held in prison for two weeks. He probably died as a result of being beaten by the police, and his family is scared to make a complaint.

Also on 3 December 2012, a Swedish protestant missionary who had worked in Pakistan for 38 years was the victim of a terrorist attack. The 72-year-old Bargeeta Almby was fired on by two men as she drove her car. She was taken to hospital in a serious condition.

1. Is the Commission considering the introduction of sanctions against the Pakistani regime?
2. Will steps be taken vis-à-vis the Pakistani Government to help prevent similar tragedies from occurring?
3. Does the Commission intend to provide some sort of support to the families and organisations to which the victims of religious terrorism belonged?