

Question for written answer E-012516/2013
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 117
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Subject: VP/HR - Events of 10 October 2013 at EUBAM headquarters, Libya

On Sunday 3 November 2013, the Dutch radio programme 'VPRO Bureau Buitenland' revealed that on 10 October 2013, an armed group broke into the EUBAM headquarters in the Corinthia Hotel in Tripoli¹. It appears that Prime Minister Zeidan was abducted by the group. According to the programme's sources, various items were stolen from the headquarters including computers, firearms and bulletproof vests.

1. Can the VP/HR give more details about what happened on 10 October 2013 in the Corinthia Hotel? If not, why not?
2. Is it true that armed men broke into the EUBAM headquarters? If so, why was this not mentioned at the briefing to Parliament on EUBAM on 14 October?
3. Is it true that equipment was taken from the EUBAM headquarters? If so, what equipment was taken and what could be the implications of this theft?
4. How does the VP/HR assess the security situation for EU personnel working in Tripoli?
5. Is it true that the option of moving the EUBAM headquarters to Malta was considered? If so, why was it rejected?

¹ <http://www.vpro.nl/grenzeloos/nieuws/2013/11/libie.html>