

**Question for written answer E-000551/2014  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 117  
**Aldo Patriciello (PPE)**

Subject: VP/HR - Information on the disappearance of two Italian citizens

Two Italian citizens, Francesco Scalise and Luciano Gallo, construction workers of Calabrian origin, were kidnapped in Libya by an armed gang near the village of Martuba between the towns of Derna and Tobruk. The two workers had been in the North African country for five months, working for a construction company, General World, when they were the victims of the attack on Friday 17 January.

- In view of the fact that news of the attack, reported by the Libyan news agency 'Lana' (which cites the account provided by the driver of the two Italian citizens) has been confirmed by the Italian Consulate in Bengasi and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- in view of the fact that the economic crisis which has affected many European countries is driving increasing numbers of workers in the regions most affected, in particular in the south of Italy, to seek employment opportunities in countries in North Africa and the Middle East, in which however there is the highest risk to their safety;
- in view of the human rights instruments of which Libya is a signatory, including the 2004 International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families;
- in view of the practical cooperation agreement on the matter of EU-Libya migration and the agenda on migration cooperation signed by the Commission and Libya on 5 October 2010;

in full consideration of the above, does the Vice-President/High Commissioner consider it appropriate to activate all the institutional and investigative channels at her disposal, in collaboration with the Italian and Libyan authorities, to achieve the release of these two Italian citizens as soon as possible?