

**Question for written answer E-005119/2014  
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: VP/HR - Chemical attack on Damascus on 21 August 2013

According to an authoritative investigative reporter, the attack on 21 August 2013 on the suburbs of Damascus was not caused by the Syrian government, but by the rebels. The accusations made against Assad were intended to bring about American intervention in the civil war. This was a plot involving Prime Minister Erdogan of Turkey.

According to the anonymous source quoted by the journalist, it was British intelligence, in co-operation with the Russian services, which furnished proof that the chemical agents used did not come from the arsenals of the Syrian government, but from the rebels. US intelligence was aware that the Al-Nusra rebels, backed by Turkey, were producing chemical weapons, whereas at the time Prime Minister Erdogan desperately wanted the United States to intervene in support of the rebels who were losing the war.

In view of the above, can the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy state:

1. whether she is aware of the situation;
2. whether, after verifying the credibility of this information, she intends to adopt any initiatives;
3. how she intends to act in relation to the Syrian Arab Republic, which is being devastated by the civil war taking place there?