

**Question for written answer E-002623/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Legal status of Syrian refugees in the Gulf States

The media has been discussing the issue of how the Gulf States are dealing with Syrian refugees for a long time now. On the one hand, it has been noted that countries such as Saudi Arabia and the UAE are making efforts to provide these refugees with assistance<sup>1</sup>. On the other hand, there has also been criticism of the fact that Syrians have not been granted official refugee status, and as such have no rights<sup>2</sup>.

1. Does the Commission know how many Syrian refugees have found refuge in the Gulf States?
2. Does the Commission have figures as to how many Syrians have emigrated from the Gulf States towards the EU?
3. What measures has the Commission taken so far to improve the legal situation of refugees in the Gulf States?

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<sup>1</sup> e.g. <http://www.spiegel.de/politik/ausland/syrien-fluechtlinge-in-den-golfstaaten-sind-rechtlos-a-1107170.html>.

<sup>2</sup> <http://juedischerundschau.de/wie-die-golfstaaten-den-arabischen-fluechtlinge-aus-syrien-die-tuer-zuschlagen-135910239/>).