

**Question for written answer E-004080/2017
to the Commission**
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Subject: Human rights situation in Morocco; the Fikri case

There has been unrest in the Rif Mountains in Morocco for some considerable time. The death of the fish seller Mohsen Fikri at the end of October 2016 has since resulted in big uprisings in such towns as Al-Hoceima.

Have the forces of law and order used excessive violence in response to those uprisings, and what view does the Commission take of the legal procedure in the Fikri case?

Since 2014, investigators from human rights organisations, such as Amnesty International, have found it difficult to carry out investigations in Morocco: how does the Commission call the Moroccan authorities to account for this, and how does it monitor the human rights situation?

The Rif Mountains have long been a disadvantaged region of Morocco: what resources is the Commission making available to support its development, and to what extent is the Commission helping to improve the human rights situation there?