

**Question for written answer E-000150/2019
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Clampdown on protesters in Sudan accompanied by violence and bloodshed

With thousands of Communist Party and other demonstrators taking to the streets in Sudan to air their justified grievances, the authoritarian regime has responded with a violent clampdown, resulting in the tragic death of 40 protestors. Hundreds of others have been injured or arrested. The grassroots and working classes are rising up against the grinding poverty, hunger and destitution resulting from the repressive policies of the imperialist-backed Sudanese regime, which is currently sending combatants to Yemen to take part in the Saudi invasion.

In view of this:

1. Does the High Representative condemn the violent clampdown by the Sudanese regime on those who have taken to the streets in support of their justified grievances?
2. Does she consider that:
 - the Sudanese authorities should release the Communist Party activists and hundreds of others currently jailed for their part in the mass protests and
 - end its persecution of the Sudanese Communist Party and popular opposition movements?