

**Question for written answer E-006267/2020/rev.1**

**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

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Subject: Systematic human rights violations in Iran

In 2019, thousands of protesters were killed and detained during protests in Iran. The Iranian officials who provided the numbers to Reuters said that these were based on information gathered from security forces, morgues, hospitals and coroners' offices.

Reuters said Khamenei's order to 'do whatever it takes to stop them [the protesters]' had been confirmed by three sources close to the supreme leader's inner circle and by a fourth official.

On the eve of the first anniversary of the Iran protests, which were widely supported and discussed here at the European Parliament last year, I ask the VP/HR:

1. What significant steps have been taken by the EU and the VP/HR to follow up on the situation regarding detainees, in particular young women and girls, and to help obtain their release?
2. Has the VP/HR asked for an international mission to visit prisons and report on prisoners' conditions, since we know of the threat of execution as befell at least two protesters in recent months, namely Navid Afkari and Mostafa Salehi?
3. What has the VP/HR done to help protect the fundamental rights of Iranian citizens who want a better future but are severely repressed under this regime?