

**Question for written answer E-001476/2021/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Human rights situation in Algeria

On 19 February 2021 the Algerian authorities authorised the release of 30 prisoners from the Hirak popular movement, including activist Khaled Drareni.

This release is also the result of the work of the European Parliament, through its resolution B9-0375/2020 on the deteriorating situation of human rights in Algeria.

However, systematic abuses against political opponents by the Algerian authorities are continuing.

On 5 March 2021, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights called for an end to arbitrary detention in Algeria and for the repeal of the rules violating freedom of expression and assembly.

In view of the Algerian authorities' stubborn trampling upon the fundamental rights of the Algerian people, it comes as no surprise to note that demonstrations resumed on 9 March 2021. Can the Commission therefore answer the following questions:

1. What measures have been taken by the Commission to follow up on resolution B9-0375/2020 with a view to ensuring that human rights are protected in Algeria?
2. Does the Commission intend to demand investigations into the abuses suffered by the Algerian people?
3. What sanctions does the Commission intend to propose against the Algerian authorities responsible for the serious violations committed against detainees from the Hirak popular movement?