

**Question for written answer E-002920/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Murder of Kutlu Adali

Turkey's interference in the affairs of the Turkish Cypriot community has been going on for many years. Recently, a mafia leader gave evidence on the state-mafia connections in Turkey and the direct involvement of both parties in the assassination of the Turkish Cypriot journalist Kutlu Adali, who was killed on 6 July 1996.

In its decision of 12 October 2005, the European Court of Human Rights reiterated that Turkey had violated Article 2 of the European Convention on Human Rights owing to the failure of the authorities to carry out an adequate and effective investigation into the circumstances of Mr Adali's murder.

Turkish Cypriots are demanding a reinvestigation of the murder. However, this is not likely to happen because the Turkish Cypriot police report directly to the Turkish Armed Forces.

As a result of the systematic interventions by the Turkish authorities, the northern part of Cyprus (an EU territory) has turned into Turkey's hinterland.

1. How will the Commission engage with the democratic forces of the Turkish Cypriot community, as outlined in Parliament's recent resolution on Turkey¹?
2. What steps it will take in order to ensure that Turkish Cypriot EU citizens are not at the mercy of Turkey?

¹ European Parliament resolution of 19 May 2021 on the 2019-2020 Commission Reports on Turkey.