

Question for written answer E-003156/2021

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

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Subject: Human rights activists detained in the UAE

International human rights organisations have criticised the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for the involvement of its State Security Service in human rights violations against a number of activists.

The persecution of prominent human rights activist Ahmed Mansoor by the UAE authorities reopened the case of gross violations against human rights activists and revealed that the State Security Service has absolute authority to commit such violations.

The State Security Service holds human rights activists in abhorrent detention conditions, including placing them in indefinite solitary confinement and denying them their basic rights as prisoners. Arbitrary detention, enforced disappearances and torture are among the violations committed against detained activists.

1. Will the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) emphasise that human rights activists continue to be repressed and detained by the UAE authorities just for doing their jobs?
2. What sanctions does the VP/HR intend to apply?
3. Will the VP/HR request that the UAE take action to stop these human rights violations, which are repeatedly taking place on its soil?