

**Question for written answer E-003163/2021/rev.1  
to the Commission  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Neglect of historical monuments in the occupied territories

According to an article published in the Turkish Cypriot newspaper 'Halkın Sesi' on 14 June 2021, the necropolis (cemetery) near occupied Karmi, which dates back to the Bronze Age, is in a state of disrepair after years of neglect. The lack of care afforded to it is a total disgrace.

Alongside the article is a photograph showing a signpost for the cemetery – indicating 'Karmi Bronze Age Cemetery' in both English and Turkish – almost covered by grass. A statue of the Goddess of Fertility, thought to be the oldest human figure on the island, has been discovered at the cemetery, as have Minoan vases.

Furthermore, according to an article in 'Diyalog' on 14 June 2021, the historic harbour in occupied Kyrenia and its historical monuments have also been left 'to their fate' and some of the restaurants, cafés and apartments located in the historic harbour are falling into a state of collapse.

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission aware of this?
2. Is it aware of the repeated destruction of religious and cultural monuments in occupied Cyprus?
3. What steps does it intend to take to save the ancient necropolis in Karmi?