

Question for written answer E-003565/2021

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

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Subject: Repression against the deputy Freddy Guevara and interim President Juan Guaidó by the Maduro regime

On 12 July, the weight of Nicolás Maduro's regime again came down on his political opponents.

Freddy Guevara, the deputy elected to the internationally recognised National Assembly in the 2015 elections, was arbitrarily arrested and held incommunicado, falsely accused of terrorism and treason. His family and lawyers are still unaware of his whereabouts.

In parallel, there was an attack on the home of interim President Juan Guaidó, where armed regime officials with neither an arrest warrant nor ID threatened the President and assaulted his driver.

In the light of the above, I would like to ask the Vice-President/High Representative:

1. Will he convey his concerns about Deputy Guevara to the EU technical mission, which is currently in Caracas, to ascertain his whereabouts, visit him and check on his condition?
2. Does he believe that the electoral climate is conducive to free, transparent and democratic elections while incidents such as those described above continue to occur in the country?
3. Does he believe that these hostile actions by the Maduro regime sincerely show its desire for dialogue aimed at overcoming the political, economic and humanitarian crisis in the country?