

Question for written answer E-000232/2022

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

Rule 138

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Subject: Prisoners in the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

How will the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) call on the Emirati Government to guarantee the immediate and unconditional release of all prisoners of conscience convicted in the mass 'UAE 94' trial, including human rights lawyer Dr Mohammed Al-Roken, who is due to be released on 17 July 2022, and to end the practice of indefinite detention?

How will the VP/HR urge the Emirati Government to extend invitations to independent, impartial monitoring bodies to visit detention facilities and investigate allegations of human rights violations, including torture, ill-treatment and inhumane living conditions, in order to ensure compliance with the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners?

Will the VP/HR ask the Emirati Government to investigate the grounds for extending the prison sentences of prisoners of conscience Amina al-Abdouli and Maryam al-Balushi's by three years?