

Question for written answer E-000313/2022

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

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Subject: Burkina Faso's military coup

On Monday 24 January 2022, Burkina Faso's army declared on state television that it had seized control of the country, deposing President Roch Kabore, dissolving the government and parliament, suspending the constitution and closing the borders. Lieutenant Colonel Paul-Henri Damiba, a senior military officer, was introduced to the people of Burkina Faso as their new leader.

According to the military forces, the motivation behind this military coup is the 'ongoing degradation of the security situation' in the country and the 'incapacity of the government' to unite the population. A 'return to constitutional order' has been promised by the military within a 'reasonable time'.

President Kabore has not been seen in public since fighting broke out on Sunday close to the presidential palace in Ouagadougou. His whereabouts are currently unknown and there is concerns have arisen over his safety and physical integrity, as multiple cars apparently used by the presidency have been found damaged by bullet holes.

How does the Vice-President / High Representative intend to ensure that the democratic order is safeguarded in Burkina Faso?