

Question for written answer E-001639/2023

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

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Subject: The dire situation of Arameans returning to south-east Türkiye

The Aramean people have lived without their own state for centuries. Most Arameans live scattered across Europe. Those returning to the people's historical territory, in the Tur Abdin region in south-east Türkiye, face dispossession of their land by the Turkish state and intimidation and violence from the Kurdish population in the region. Impunity is a major problem in this connection.

1. Is the VP/HR aware of the dire situation many Arameans find themselves in on returning to south-east Türkiye?
2. Is the EU urging the Turkish Government to ensure that people of Aramean origin living or settling in south-east Türkiye are given proper protection and legal certainty and that intimidation and violence against them are combated?
3. Is the EU urging the Turkish Government to work to return land unlawfully taken from Arameans in the past?

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