

**Question for written answer E-003304/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: New worrying developments are exacerbating the problematic rule of law situation in Greece

In Greece, in recent days, pro-government media revealed that some of the messages intended to trap victims with the Predator spyware came from the Prime Minister's office¹. Meanwhile, members of ADAE, the independent authority for communication security and privacy, which had been investigating the wiretapping scandal, is now itself being investigated by the judiciary on suspicion of unlawful conduct. ADAE president, Christos Rammos, said he was pressured and threatened by the government², while the Prime Minister launched a personal attack against him³.

Following a visit to Greece, the European Parliament's LIBE Committee highlighted the illegal use of spyware against journalists and the risks, with references being made to physical threats and verbal attacks; it also underlined that most media were controlled by business interests⁴.

The Commission has repeatedly drawn attention to the problems concerning the rule of law in Greece. The Commissioner for Justice, Didier Reynders, expressed concerns about the process of appointing the Prosecutor of the Supreme Court, stressing the importance of ensuring an independent judiciary⁵. However, in the Greek Parliament, Mr Mitsotakis claimed that the Commission approves of his policy.

In view of this:

1. How will the Commission address the developments seen in Greece?
2. Will it urge the Prime Minister not to use the European institutions for domestic political consumption?

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¹ <https://left.gr/news/ypoklopes-meta-mega-kai-i-kathimerini-fotografizei-politiko-prosopo-os-apostolea-toy-predator>

² <https://www.ot.gr/2023/10/26/epikairothta/ypoklopes-apeiles-kai-pieseis-katiggeile-o-xristos-rammos-tis-adae-sto-eyrokoinovoulio/>

³ <https://tvxs.gr/news/ellada/protofanis-epithesi-mitsotaki-kata-rammoy-soyrotiri-i-adae-echei-anoichto-diaylo-me-ton-syriza/>

⁴ <https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/news/eu-parliament-mission-rule-of-law-in-greece-faces-very-serious-threats/>

⁵ <https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/news/commission-expresses-concerns-over-greek-justices-independence/>