

WRITTEN QUESTION P-6761/08  
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to the Commission

Subject: Wave of killings of Iraq opposition figures

Following the kidnapping and disappearance of Dr Al-Zubaydi, as referred to by myself in previous questions (P-6117/08 and P-4972/08), the Iraq police and military have been continuing to arrest, terrorise and murder opposition leaders. The most recent case is that of the kidnapping, torture and killing of Bashir Jawrani, a leader of the 'Sons of Iraq', an organisation that is fighting the militias and terrorist groups alongside the coalition forces (details may be found in an article published in the Los Angeles Times, at: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-baqubah7-2008dec07,0,1380997.story>).

Does the Commission not believe that these events are such as to jeopardise the free and democratic nature of the elections to be held next month?