

WRITTEN QUESTION P-3345/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: Events in Bolivia on 16 April 2009

On 16 April 2009 in the city of Santa Cruz in Bolivia, under circumstances which have yet to be clarified, a squad of commandos killed three men and arrested two others in a raid on a hotel. To this day the exact reasons remain unknown, and according to Bolivian legal experts and lawyers the form of the raid seriously violated the country's law.

The men who were killed included Eduardo Rózsa Flores, a Bolivian, Hungarian and Croatian national, while Árpád Magyarosi, who was likewise killed, was a Romanian national and an ethnic Hungarian. One of the men who was detained was Előd Tóásó, another Hungarian national, who is currently being held in the capital, La Paz on charges unknown. According to the information available to date, the authorities seriously assaulted him while taking him into custody, violating his fundamental human rights.

To this day, the Hungarian Foreign Ministry has asked in vain for a precise official explanation of the matter: the Bolivian authorities have not provided one.

This extremely confused case involves European Union citizens.

- Has the Commission received any information about this incident?
- Can and will the Commission take measures to assist the EU citizen currently in custody, Előd Tóásó?