

**Question for written answer P-000823/2019
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
Alex Mayer (S&D)**

Subject: VP/HR - The Detention of Peter Biar Ajak

In July 2018, Cambridge PhD student Peter Biar Ajak was detained in South Sudan.

I am aware that representations were made to the South Sudanese Government by the Commission shortly after his detention.

What conversations has the VP/HR had with her counterpart in South Sudan about Mr Ajak's detention, access to representation and general welfare; and does she believe this to be a case of a violation of academic freedom?