

**Priority question for written answer P-000627/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: IS attack on Ghwayran prison near the city of Hasakah in northern Syria

On 20 January 2022, Islamic State carried out an attack on Ghwayran prison in northern Syria. The Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) now have the situation under control. The SDF is convinced that this large-scale operation was set up with the support of regional powers, in particular the Syrian regime, which turned a blind eye to IS infiltrations, and the Turkish state, which deployed drones against the SDF and helped move jihadist militia groups from Turkish-occupied areas.

In view of this:

1. Is the High Representative aware, in connection with this operation, of the Turkish State's support for jihadist militias which, in turn, are fighting with and for IS? If so, what measures does he propose vis-à-vis Turkey?
2. Does the High Representative support the establishment of an international tribunal to try IS prisoners for their crimes?
3. Does he intend to propose that the EU officially recognise the democratic Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria and provide the support necessary, inter alia, to bring IS criminals to justice in situ?