

**Question for written answer E-016104/2015/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Restrictions imposed on Kurds by Turkey

While the EU has designated Turkey as 'a safe country of destination' for refugees and assigned to it the role of EU 'sentinel', the Turkish Government is adopting an even more rigorous stance with regard to the Kurdish population, imposing a number of repressive and humiliating restrictions in Hakkari, Dargeçit, Sur, Nusaybin, Silopi and Cizre.

Over the past six months, this mass repression, accompanied by human rights violations, has had the following results:

- 140 dead, including 26 children;
- forced population transfers on a massive scale;
- access to health services systematically prevented;
- systematic power and water supply cuts;
- systematic restrictions on access to education;
- extensive sexual and physical violence against women;
- damage to historical religious monuments in Sur.

In view of this:

- Is the Commission aware of these facts?
- How does the EU propose to ensure that Turkey lifts these restrictions, which are an infringement of the fundamental human rights and freedoms of its own citizens, in line with the requirements it must meet as applicant for EU accession?