

Question for written answer E-015197/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - The human rights situation in Bangladesh

During the November plenary session in Strasbourg, Parliament adopted a resolution on the situation in Bangladesh. The resolution expresses Parliament's deep concern over the lack of fundamental freedoms, including freedom of expression, in the country, and condemns the grave violence of which the political opposition and certain minority groups are the victims.

In its resolution, Parliament calls on the Bangladeshi authorities to take firm action to restore the full independence of the media, to ensure the impartiality of the court system and, above all, to put a stop to the attacks and killings of innocent people.

In light of Parliament's appeals, I would like to ask the VP/HR the following questions:

1. How is the European External Action Service (EEAS) monitoring the human rights and political situation in Bangladesh?
2. What bilateral tools and other instruments are available in order for the EEAS to put pressure on the Bangladeshi authorities to comply with their responsibility to ensure the security and safety of all citizens, irrespective of their political or religious views?