

Question for written answer E-015730/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Repression of protests in Ethiopia

According to claims by activists, Ethiopian security forces have killed at least seven students in incidents across Ethiopia's Oromia state, where students have been protesting for more than two weeks against a government plan to expand the area of the country's capital, Addis Ababa, into Oromia.

Images of severely injured students have been posted on social media, and hundreds of other protesters have reportedly been rounded up in a crackdown on those demonstrating against several state-led development projects that are feared to amount to illegal land grabs.

1. Will the VP/HR issue a condemnation of the violence used by Ethiopian security forces to repress protestors?
2. In their contacts with the Ethiopian Government, has the EEAS formally requested an immediate halt to the excessive use of force by Ethiopian security personnel, an independent and impartial investigation into the killings and the prosecution of security forces involved in the violent crackdown?