

Question for written answer E-014609/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - crisis in Yemen

On 6 October 2015, it was reported that raids had taken place on a hotel in Aden where the Prime Minister of Yemen, Khaled Bahah, and members of his government were staying, although fortunately they were unharmed. However, a number of soldiers belonging to the Coalition of Arab Gulf States and their allies died in the attack.

The European Union has played a key role in the conclusion of the nuclear agreement with Iran, which should help to inaugurate a period of greater dialogue with that country.

There is a real risk that a war could break out between Sunnis and Shiites in the Middle East.

The stability of Yemen is fundamental to the whole geopolitical situation in the Middle East.

As the EU's external policy is of the utmost importance in maintaining and reinforcing global peace and security, can the VP/HR indicate:

- whether she intends to take diplomatic initiatives in response to the attack on Prime Minister Khaled Bahah in Yemen?
- whether she intends, possibly, to involve Iran in the attempt to facilitate diplomatic action in order to bring about greater détente in the region?