Question for written answer E-001279/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Far-right intimidation at a trial in Budapest

On 6 March 2025, during the trial of Maja T., far-right 'activists' gathered at the court in Budapest. Identifiable by their skinhead style and clothing, featuring references to 'BetyárSereg[1]' and 'Hatvannégy Vármegye Ifjúsági Mozgalom (HVIM)[2]', they harassed attendees arriving for the trial by filming. Photos of attendees were later published online, along with names of some individuals[3], as has happened in previous cases[4]. The websites also stated that HVIM had obtained a list of 'antifascists' present at the trial and was preparing to share it with other far-right groups abroad.

1. Is the Commission, in the light of its ongoing monitoring of the rule of law in Hungary, in particular judicial independence, aware of these events?

2. Does it consider that the Hungarian authorities allowing this kind of political intimidation constitutes a potential breach of the right to a fair trial and the presumption of innocence?

3. Does it plan to initiate a dialogue with the Hungarian authorities to investigate the political activities unfolding in criminal proceedings, how a list of trial attendees was shared with far-right organisations, and how they intend to ensure a trial without external political pressure?

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1 https://betyarsereg.hu/felvonult-a-betyarsereg-a-kozponti-birosag-elott-az-antifak-rendori-vedelmet-kertek-video/.
2 https://www.hvim.hu/in-english.
3 https://m.kuruc.info/r/2/285178/; https://szentkoronaradio.com/blog/2025/03/07/antifa-terroristak-vagytok-kerdeztek-a-hvim-esek-a-kulfoldieket-es-megszereztek-a-neveiket/.
4 https://szentkoronaradio.com/blog/2024/02/01/kepek-az-elvtarsakrol-ezek-az-antifak-jelentek-meg-a-budapesti-targyalason/.