

Question for written answer E-001660/2025

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Visit to Azerbaijan by the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

At a time when the Armenian Genocide is being commemorated, and there are continuing tensions and border disputes between Azerbaijan and Armenia, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) is visiting Baku on 25 April.

President Ilham Aliyev has threatened the EU Mission in Armenia in the past and seems to care little about EU criticism. It nonetheless appears that the VP/HR is planning the visit in order to achieve short-term energy gains, disregarding the rule of law and international law in the process.

1. Why is the VP/HR choosing this precise juncture to visit the regime that is threatening her own mission when she is not going to Armenia at the same time?
2. Will the VP/HR, in Azerbaijan, raise the criticism voiced by Parliament in its resolution of 13 March 2025 on the unlawful detention and sham trials of Armenian hostages, including high-ranking political representatives from Nagorno-Karabakh, by Azerbaijan?
3. Will the VP/HR convey the message that the Memorandum of Understanding on a Strategic Partnership in the Field of Energy will be suspended as long as Azerbaijan remains deaf to the EU's concerns?

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