

Question for written answer E-004489/2025

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

Rule 144

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Subject: The case of Ms Zahra Shahbaz Tabari

Ms Zahra Shahbaz Tabari, a 67-year-old political prisoner is currently being held in Lakan Prison, Rasht (Iran). She has been sentenced to death following an unfair summary trial.

Ms Shahbaz Tabari, an electrical engineer and graduate of Isfahan University of Technology (Iran) and the University of Borås (Sweden), was arrested on 17 April 2025, after security forces raided her home without a judicial warrant. She was held in isolation for several weeks, denied access to legal counsel, and subjected to psychological pressure. Her trial, conducted via video conference, lasted less than ten minutes. and no independent lawyer was allowed.

The death sentence appears to be politically motivated, linked to alleged support for the People's Mojahedin Organisation of Iran.

In the light of the above,

1. Is the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR) aware of Ms Tabari's case?
2. Has the VP/HR engaged with the Iranian regime through diplomatic channels in order to halt the execution?
3. If so, what kind of response has the VP/HR and the European External Action Service received?

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