

**Question for written answer E-001340/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Inhumane removal and expulsion centres in non-EU countries

In recent days, we witnessed the crime against refugees and migrants in Chios and the tragedy off the coast of Crete.

The latest developments, with the wider flare-up in the Middle East, are proof that the worst is yet to come.

The regulation adopted by the European Parliament provides for very tough penalties for asylum seekers whose applications are rejected and who refuse to leave the territory of the EU. It also provides for the mutual recognition of decisions by any Member State, putting an end to the haggling over ‘secondary movements’ and how to share the burden of deportations.

In view of the above, will the Commission state its views on:

1. the fact that the alleged reduction in refugee and migrant arrivals is nothing more than the result of an intensified crackdown, which has reached a whole new level now with the so-called return hubs, namely the inhumane centres for the expulsion and deportation of uprooted persons to non-EU countries, approved also by the European Parliament, and which concern a policy that is directly linked to the largest number of victims recorded in the Mediterranean Sea in the last decade?
2. the fact that the Nea Dimokratia Government was quick to suspend decisions on Iranian asylum applications, as it had done previously with Syrians from the EU, looking ahead and preventing the big victims, namely uprooted people, from fleeing war in the Middle East, a war that is supported by Nea Dimokratia and the EU and in which they are both are implicated?

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