

Question for written answer E-002869/2026

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

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Subject: Brutal crackdown on popular protests against the NATO Summit in Türkiye

This year's NATO Summit, in which very dangerous decisions were taken to the detriment of ordinary people, took place in Ankara, Türkiye.

The Turkish Government quickly put on a show of power, responding to the anti-NATO protests with a brutal crackdown. Dozens were injured and arrested by the Turkish police, who spared neither members of parliament nor journalists from their sights. In fact, dozens of members of Türkiye's Communist Party were arrested.

In view of the above, can the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy say:

1. What view does she take of the brutal crackdown on peaceful protesters by Turkish police forces and the fact that people were arrested even inside their homes to be taken into custody?
2. What view does she take of the calls not to prosecute protesters – both Turkish and foreign nationals – who had been arrested for expressing their opposition to NATO's plans, which pose a danger to ordinary people?
3. What view does she take of the unacceptable restriction of the right to demonstrate and protest, which is regularly applied wherever the NATO Summit is organised, in this case in Ankara and throughout Türkiye?

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