

**Question for written answer E-003397/2026
to the Commission**

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Subject: Misuse of Interpol red notices to target dissidents and journalists

Non-democratic states such as Russia, Türkiye and Serbia continue to use Interpol red notices to target political dissidents and journalists¹. Some police authorities in EU countries still execute such arrest requests, essentially allowing autocracies to target innocent citizens in the EU, while other police authorities acknowledge that such requests involve political misuse of red notices. Targeted individuals cannot access information about their red notice, leaving them in a state of great uncertainty.

Since 2021, the EU and Interpol have been negotiating a cooperation agreement. The European Search Portal, which began operating in June 2026, enables people to query Interpol databases.

1. Does the Commission agree that different law enforcement practices in different EU countries regarding red notices on political targets and journalists significantly impact these people's freedom of movement within the EU? If it agrees, what action will it take to address this issue? If it does not agree, then why not?
2. How is the Commission using the negotiations to pressure Interpol to take firmer action against any political activities by non-democratic regimes, such as the misuse of red notices?
3. Will the Commission propose EU-wide rules on dealing with Interpol red notices, such as judicial checks on red notices, the granting of a specific status to people who receive abusive red notices following judicial checks, and appeal mechanisms?

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¹ <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2026/01/global-misuse-of-interpol-red-notices-to-target-dissidents-a-grave-institutional-failure/>.