

**Priority question for written answer P-002839/2025
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: Sener Levent, who was awarded the European Citizen's Prize in 2018, once again faces Turkish persecution

Sener Levent, who was awarded the European Citizen's Prize in 2018, is once again being persecuted by Türkiye. To be specific, the Turkish Cypriot journalist and publisher of the 'Avrupa' newspaper is at risk of being extradited to Türkiye by the pseudo-state and subsequently imprisoned in connection with an article and a cartoon that were considered to be 'publicly insulting the nation, the State, the National Assembly, the government, the judiciary, the army and the security forces of Türkiye'! This development is another arbitrary and illegal extension of Türkiye's growing interference and pressure in relation to the internal issues of the Turkish Cypriot community.

In view of the long-standing attempts by the Turkish State to silence and intimidate Sener Levent and other journalists, activists and politicians, as well as the right of all citizens to freedom of opinion and expression, what immediate measures does the Commission intend to take to protect Sener Levent, a European citizen who has been awarded the European Citizen's Prize?

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