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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU is following the case and is concerned about the findings of the United Nations (UN) Working Group on Arbitrary Detention in its Opinion No 28/2025, which concluded that the person mentioned in the subject of the question had been arbitrarily detained, subjected to ill-treatment and denied the right to a fair trial.

The EU consistently calls on all partners, including Qatar, to respect international human rights obligations and to implement in good faith the recommendations of UN human rights mechanisms. The EU Delegation in Doha, in coordination with the French authorities, follows the case and raises its concerns with the Qatari authorities, including in the framework of the regular political and human rights dialogues.

The EU Special Representative for Human Rights also engages actively with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries on individual cases of political prisoners.

Human rights and the rule of law are central to the EU's external action and shape its relations with Qatar and the GCC states. Such issues were also discussed at the first EU-GCC Summit in Brussels on 16 October 2024, where both sides reaffirmed their commitment to deepening cooperation on human rights as a key pillar of their partnership.