

**Question for written answer E-000283/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Unacceptable attack on minority Member of Parliament Vangjel Dule in Tirana

Unacceptable and unbelievable scenes were played out outside the court that was hearing the application by the elected Mayor of Himara, Fredi Beleri, for permission to take the oath of office as mayor and to be released from prison under restrictive conditions after eight months of unjust and contrived pre-trial detention.

On arrival at the court, Vangjel Dule, opposition MP and the only MP from the Greek national minority, found himself being targeted by a group of Albanian nationalists. He was subjected to unacceptable abuse and verbal attacks, and his physical integrity was put at serious risk, with the aim of undermining his support for the Mayor of Himara, Fredi Beleri. In statements that he made, he charged the Albanian Government with being the moral instigator of the attack against him.

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission aware of the above facts?
2. What steps does it propose to take regarding the unacceptable attack on an elected Member of the Parliament of Albania, which is a country in the process of accession to the European Union?

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