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‘Extraordinary renditions’ in the Horn of Africa

The international press is reporting that dozens of persons are being arrested and subjected to ‘extraordinary renditions’, under the accusation of involvement in terrorist activities in the Horn of Africa. There are also reports that many of these persons are Ethiopian citizens, namely army officers and other officials dissenting from the regime, who are being sought in Ethiopia and neighbouring countries upon allegations of terrorism involvement.

Can the Commission indicate if there are any citizens from European countries involved in these renditions in the Horn of Africa? In their relations with the authorities of countries in this region, are the Commission and the Commission delegations taking any measures to deter and uncover cases of people subjected to ‘extraordinary renditions’, so that human rights are respected in the pursuit of counter-terrorism policies as well as to ensure that victims of such renditions are rescued?

Answer:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getAllAnswers.do?reference=P-2007-2000&language=EN>