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Parliament held today urgent debates and voted resolutions on the following topics relating to human rights and democracy: Situation in Bangladesh, Iraq: the plight of minority groups, in particular the Iraqi Turkmen and the case of Arafat Jaradat and the situation of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Exterior shot of the EP, Strasbourg	00:00:05
00:00:10	SOUNDBITE (English) Jean LAMBERT (S&D, UK): "We understand the desire of Bangladesh to deal with its past, but that should not mean that such trials fall below national and international standards. And it calls for concerns at present, recent changes to the rules on appeal are particularly worrying."	00:00:17
00:00:27	SOUNDBITE (English) Jean LAMBERT (S&D, UK): "It's an absolute tragedy to see the numbers of recent deaths targeting on minorities hacking to death of law	00:00:19

	death of law enforcement officers and the use of live ammunition against civilians. We call on all sides and all those in position of power and influence to call a halt to the violence".	
00:00:46	SOUNDBITE (English) Maria DAMANAKIS, Commissioner: "The fact that we oppose the death penalty in all circumstances, including in the case of worst crimes, does not mean that we advocate impunity. We are well aware of the horrific events which took place during the 1971 war, the many lives lost and heinous crimes committed and of the importance of justice for the people of Bangladesh. In view of the violent turns of events we have called on the actors involved to exercise restraint. It is important that minorities receive special protection".	00:00:43
00:01:29	SOUNDBITE (German) Barbara LOCHBIHLER (Greens-EFA, DE): "The Iraq government and the regional government of Kurdistan should be called on to de-escalate the situation and to resolve their territorial conflicts politically. The Turkmen minority in Iraq is suffering greatly because of this situation. They are	00:00:39

	situation. They are subject to intimidation measures, they are abducted and they are attacked, even though the Iraqi Constitution guarantees them the same rights. We therefore call for negotiations with the Iraqi government to give political focus on the status of the Turkmen minority".	
00:02:08	SOUNDBITE (English) Metin KAZAK (ALDE, BG): "Literally hundreds of men, women and children are dying each year in attacks targeted on the Turkmen community and this tragedy must be stopped.(…) This resolution is not just for the Turkmen, it is for all the minorities in Iraq who long for peace and security. The EU should work closely with the Iraqi government and use all the tools at its disposal to encourage the Iraqi government to provide adequate protection to the Turkmen and other minorities".	00:00:35
00:02:43	SOUNDBITE (English) Maria DAMANAKIS, Commissioner: "In its dialogue with Iraq the EU does not hesitate to voice its concerns over human rights, including in particular freedom of religion or belief or the elimination of all forms of discrimination. The EU has offered to cooperate with Iraq in	00:00:24

	cooperate with Iraq in improving human rights protection".	
00:03:07	SOUNDBITE (French) Véronique DE KEYSER (S&D, BE): "What is at stake here, first of all, the huge number of prisoners, over 5000 Palestinians today in the Israeli jails: 1 in 2 Palestinians is going to spend some time in Israeli jails, 20% of the population. Secondly, the conditions of detention and the abuse that is being made of administrative detention, which should only last 6 months but which can be prolonged indefinitely even though no charges are pressed, that's a practice which is clearly abusive".	00:00:31
00:03:38	SOUNDBITE (English) Emer COSTELLO (S&D, IE): "I particularly support the call for an independent enquiry into the death of Arafat Jaradat, who died in Israeli custody last month. There are many questions around his death. The Israeli said that the marks and broken ribs on his body were not from torture but from efforts to revive him. I fully support the call for an independent enquiry, the truth must be established in an independent and verifiable way".	00:00:24

	verifiable way".	
00:04:02	SOUNDBITE (English) Emer COSTELLO (S&D, IE): "I fully support the call for a cross-party EP fact finding mission to Israel, to assess the conditions of detention of Palestinian prisoner, in particular including women and children and the use of administrative detention. I believe that it could help resolve many of the issues".	00:00:14
00:04:16	SOUNDBITE (English) Maria DAMANAKIS, Commissioner: "We reiterate the EU's longstanding concern about the use by Israel of administrative detention orders. (…) The EU calls on Israel to bring formal charges against any individuals detained with a view to bringing them to a fair trial without undue delay".	00:00:23
00:04:39	Cutaways (6 shots)	00:00:19
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