

Act of the Chamber of Deputies

Written Parliamentary Question 4-17604

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RAMPI - To the Minister of the Interior, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Minister of Justice. Provided that:

this July 2017 at the Senate of the Republic, more precisely in the Hall 'Caduti di Nassiriya' in Palazzo Madama a press conference was scheduled to take place on 26 July 2017 at 12, entitled "SOS Rule of Law: Uyghur Emergency" and that Mr Dolkun Isa, Vice-President of the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO) and Secretary General of the World Uyghur Congress was due to speak;

on 25 July 2017 at 13.55 Dolkun Isa - a citizen of the Republic of Germany - landed in Fiumicino Airport with Lufthansa 1844 flight from Munich, and went directly to his hotel in the Pantheon area where he checked in on a reservation made to his name. He spent the afternoon and evening in Rome;

on 26 July 2017 Dolkun Isa left his hotel at 10.00 and went to the headquarters of the Radical Party in via di Torre Argentina 76;

at 11.30 am Dolkun Isa, Maurizio Turco, Laura Harth and Matteo Angioli of the Radical Party and Lucia Parrucci of UNPO left the Radical Party Headquarters to make their way to Piazza Capranica on foot.

half way through alley Vicolo della Spada di Orlando, between via dei Pastini and Piazza Capranica, they were followed by five police agents. At the end of the alley another five agents awaited them, and an additional ten agents in Piazza Capranica joined them.

they were then kindly received by Mr Messina of the General Investigations and Special Operations Division, known by its Italian-acronym DIGOS, of Rome - who asked for Dolkun Isa, of which he had a picture, asking if he was the person they were in fact looking for and to present a form of identification, to which Dolkun Isa presents his German identity card;

Mr Messina then asked Dolkun Isa to follow them to their offices for an identity check as there had been an alert from Interpol to his name, thus they made their way through Via San Vitale in an official car.

Dolkun Isa confirmed that he was put at ease and treated kindly and with respect by the police and that in these three hours they took his fingerprints and his picture, requests to know:- :

- if the Government is aware of this incident and what its opinion on the matter is, given that this has resulted in an infringement of the freedom of expression of the leader of a minority at an official institution of the Italian State;
- if there was an Interpol alert and Dolkun Isa was effectively considered to be a potential terrorist threat, why was he not stopped when boarding on his flight in Munich, when landing in Rome or when entering or exiting his hotel - why was he left free for 24 hours and only stopped in Piazza Capranica;
- what initiatives are intended to be undertaken to determine the reasons for this incident given the aforementioned timescale, to prevent similar events from happening again.