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« The Qatargate »

Toute l'Europe, Oct 2023

Le Monde, Dec 2022

These events began in November 2022 when Eva Kaili, former Vice-President of the European Parliament, praised Qatar in her speech on November 22nd, stating, "Qatar is a leader in labor laws." On December 19th, 2022, Eva Kaili's father was arrested in possession of a bag containing 150 000 euros offered by Qatar. She was arrested at her home where several other bags were discovered. The investigation led to the arrest of three other members of parliament, including Francesco Giorgio, the leader of the Italian communist party.

This investigation encountered a new momentum in December 2023 when hundreds of documents were disclosed from the judicial inquiry, highlighting the active lobbying of Qatar, Morocco, and Mauritania in attempting to influence certain decision-making processes.

<https://www.touteurope.eu/institutions/qatargate-tout-comprendre-au-scandale-de-corruption-qui-touche-le-parlement-europeen/#:~:text=Le%209%20décembre%202022%2C%20l,et%20des%20sacs%20de%20voyage.>

https://www.lemonde.fr/international/article/2022/12/15/qatargate-ce-que-l-on-sait-des-soupcons-de-corruption-au-parlement-europeen_6154482_3210.html

Politico, Dec 8th

Eva Kaili tried to invite EU Parliament chief Roberta Metsola to Qatar World Cup

One of the world's biggest events was about to happen in Qatar : the world football tournament. Knowing that the image of the country has been questioned due to slavery topics surfacing concerning the construction of new stadiums, and climatic inconsistencies. The country wanted to rebuild how it was perceived in the EU. Few heads of the E were therefore corrupted in order to impede the adoption of 6 amendments dedicated to the condemnation of the country.

Qatar executives enjoyed the occasion by paying a little more in order to make it way more easier for Europeans to travel to Qatar removing the VISA necessity.

<https://www.politico.eu/article/eva-kaili-tried-to-invite-eu-parliament-chief-roberta-metsola-to-qatar-world-cup/>

Euronews, 19 Sept 2023

MEP Eva Kaili takes Belgian justice system to court alleging violation of her parliamentary immunity

In late November, nearly a year after the arrest of the Member of the European Parliament Eva Kaili, her lawyers are threatening to initiate legal proceedings against the parliament for a "violation of parliamentary protection." Indeed, the Greek representative was subjected to an illegal investigation by the Belgian police and secret services while enjoying parliamentary protection. Although the lawyers hope that the case will be dismissed, a strong plea would likely significantly reduce the condemnation against Eva Kaili.

<https://www.euronews.com/my-europe/2023/09/19/mep-eva-kaili-takes-belgian-justice-system-to-court-alleging-violation-of-her-parliamentar>