
EU CALLS FOR UN MONITORING OF BELARUS RIGHTS ABUSES

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The European Union is calling for close monitoring of the human rights situation in Belarus by the UN human rights chief, adding to pressure on Minsk following what it calls a fraudulent election, a draft document showed on Tuesday (15 September).

The resolution seen by Reuters will be brought before the UN human rights council in Geneva as members prepare to hold an urgent debate on Friday on alleged human rights violations in Belarus, where President Alexander Lukashenko won re-election last month to perpetuate 26 years in power.

Lukashenko denies that the vote was rigged, saying foreign powers are behind protests aimed at reversing the result.

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