

**Question for written answer E-000676/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
Per Clausen (The Left)**

Subject: Discrimination against Baha'is in Egypt

The Egyptian Government institutionalised its state-sponsored discrimination against the Baha'is by way of a decree issued in 1960 by President Gamal Abdel Nasser, which banned Baha'i activities, dissolved Baha'i institutions and confiscated Baha'i properties (Law 263/1960).

This pervasive discrimination has intensified, with the Egyptian authorities denying Baha'is national identity cards, their burial rights and access to cemeteries, as well as carrying out family separations.

Baha'is in Egypt are currently denied their ability to enjoy basic civil liberties and fundamental rights, including freedom of religion¹.

In the light of Egypt's undertaking to guarantee respect for human rights as a precondition for receiving macro-financial assistance from the Commission, what EU strategy is in place to urge the Egyptian authorities to repeal the 1960 decree, upon which their entire mechanism of discrimination rests?

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¹ <https://www.hrw.org/reports/2007/egypt1107/4.htm>.