

Question for written answer E-001025/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Concern over recent mass killings in Syria

Recent developments in Syria are extremely worrying, with reports of mass killings of religious minorities, particularly Alawites and Christians, including many Greek Orthodox. According to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, hundreds of civilians have been executed, while persecution of minorities appears to have intensified following the latest political developments in the country.

The EU is committed to upholding human rights and religious freedom in its international relations, and has established a framework for sanctions against those responsible for human rights violations in Syria. However, the fact that these crimes are continuing requires further action.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Vice-President / High Representative intend to formally condemn the massacres of religious minorities in Syria and call for an international investigation through the UN or other international mechanisms?
2. What further diplomatic or political initiatives can the Commission take to ensure that those responsible for these crimes are held accountable?
3. Does the Commission intend to propose to the Council the imposition of new targeted sanctions on individuals or entities involved in the massacres and persecution of religious minorities in Syria?

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