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Subject: Conditions placed on support to the new Syrian regime

In December 2024, a new interim government was established in Syria which is dominated by Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, a successor to al-Qaeda.

On 17 March 2025, the European Union pledged EUR 2.5 billion to facilitate reconstruction in the country¹.

This announcement, coming a few days after the massacres carried out against the Alawite and Christian minorities, raised questions about the Commission's commitment to European values, including respect for human rights.

On 8 March 2025, the European External Action Service reinforced those doubts by attributing the attacks to pro-Assad elements², which raised questions about the neutrality of the EU diplomatic service.

On 10 June, the new Syrian authorities decreed that Syrian women must wear a burkini or clothing covering their whole body on public beaches.

1. Will Commission support be conditional on respect for the rights of women and religious and ethnic minorities?
2. In this context, does the Commission know if the perpetrators of hate crimes against these minorities been brought to justice and convicted?
3. Will the planned support be used to help Syrian refugees resettle in their country?

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¹ <https://www.lefigaro.fr/international/union-europeenne-ursula-von-der-leyen-promet-2-5-milliards-d-euros-a-la-syrie-sur-deux-ans-20250317>

² https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/spokesperson-statement-latest-developments-syria_en