

Question for written answer E-004301/2025

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

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Subject: Continued massacres of Christians in Nigeria and the need for immediate action by the European Union

Recent reports from international and local organisations document a worrying escalation of violence against Christians in Nigeria, which has peaked in recent days. Between 2019 and 2023, it is estimated that more than 17 000 Christians were murdered, while in the first seven months of 2025 alone, there were over 7 000 new killings and thousands of kidnappings. Many attacks target villages and places of worship, leading entire communities to be displaced.

Despite denials by the Nigerian authorities of targeted persecution, evidence points to a systematic campaign of extermination against Christian populations, threatening religious freedom and the stability of the region.

The Vice-President / High Representative is asked:

1. What immediate measures does she intend to take, through the European External Action Service, to protect persecuted Christian communities and ensure accountability for perpetrators?
2. How does she assess the situation of Christian communities in Nigeria in light of these serious human rights violations?
3. Is the Commission considering the possibility of strengthening EU support for organisations working on the ground to protect victims of religious persecution in Nigeria?

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