

Question for written answer E-001339/2026/rev.1

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

Rule 144

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Subject: Attacks on Christian communities in the Syrian town of Al-Suqaylabiyah and protection of religious minorities

According to recent reports and public calls from residents of the Christian city of Al-Suqaylabiyah in Syria's Hama province, there have been attacks on homes, shops and religious symbols, causing great concern among local communities¹.

These incidents follow broader violence against religious and ethnic minorities in Syria, including the deadly attack on the Greek Orthodox temple of Mar Elias in Damascus in June 2025² and the mass killings of Alawites in 2025³. This situation is increasing the fear among Christian communities, including the Greek Orthodox faithful of Antioch, of a lack of effective protection and accountability.

In light of the above, can the Vice-President / High Representative answer the following:

1. How does she assess the recent incidents in Al-Suqaylabiyah and the overall deterioration in the safety of Christian communities in Syria?
2. Does she intend to call for an independent investigation into the attacks against Christian communities and other minorities and to raise the matter with the Foreign Affairs Council?

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¹ <https://apnews.com/article/d3c66fd9713084c1fbab0c307c77bcf9>.

² <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/blast-rocks-church-syrias-damascus-witnesses-say-2025-06-22/>.

³ <https://www.reuters.com/investigations/syrian-forces-massacred-1500-alawites-chain-command-led-damascus-2025-06-30/>.