

Question for written answer E-001397/2026

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

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Subject: Attacks against Orthodox Christians in Syria

Over the last few days, there have been continuous attacks on the city of Suqaylabiyah – a city with a predominantly Orthodox population.

Syria has always been a state with a rich multicultural identity, in which Muslims (Sunni and Shia), Kurds, Druze, Christians of various denominations, Armenians and other minorities have coexisted. Unfortunately, the interim government does not seem to share this conviction in practice, as in recent months we have seen a significant increase in attacks against religious and ethnic minorities, often with the support – if not the participation – of government-aligned forces. As Orthodox Christians prepare to celebrate Easter, and bearing in mind that the European Union is one of Syria's principal donors, will the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy say:

1. What will she do to protect Syria's multicultural character and its religious and ethnic minorities, in particular Orthodox Christians, who face constant persecution?
2. Is she willing to impose new sanctions if the interim government continues to allow and support the attacks against them?
3. Is she committed to ensuring that any financial or other support for the regime in Syria is conditional on the protection of all religious and ethnic minorities?

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