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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: Fresh violence against Christian communities in Syria

In recent days there have been a growing number of official reports of new incidents of religious violence in the Christian town of Al-Suqaylabiyah in Syria. Sunni armed groups attacked residents, harassed women, caused material damage and vandalised places of worship¹.

The authorities arrested members of the local Christian community who attempted to protect their families and property, leaving the main perpetrators unpunished². The Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and other Christian Churches have called for a full and impartial investigation³.

These incidents raise serious concerns about the state of human rights, religious freedom and protection of indigenous Christian communities in Syria, which are an integral part of the region's historic and cultural heritage.

In view of the above, can the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy answer the following:

Does she consider that the necessary conditions for the protection of human rights are being met by the Syrian authorities?

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¹ <https://apnews.com/article/syria-christians-sectarian-attacks-suqaylabiyah-d3c66fd9713084c1fbab0c307c77bcf9>.

² <https://www.tribune.gr/world/news/article/952591/seleykeia-i-pros-vilo-syroi-alites-tzichantistes-epitethikan-xana-se-ellines-tis-syrias.html>.

³ <https://etanasyria.org/brief-sectarian-unrest-in-al-suqaylabiyeh/>.