

**Priority question for written answer P-001051/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: The abominable massacre of Christians and Alawites in Syria and the urgent need for an immediate and decisive EU response

The recent massacres in Syria, in which 1 300 people, most of them civilians from the Alawite minority and Christians, were killed by Islamist security forces, constitute crimes against humanity and cannot go unanswered. This heinous attack against Christian minorities shows the true colours of the new government, which was formed from a group that has radical Islamist origins.

While Europe stands by and watches as a passive observer, Christian communities and other minorities in Syria face an existential threat, adding to a long list of persecutions in the region.

Considering the unquestionable responsibility the EU has to protect Christian minorities and combat religious persecution, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Why has it still not firmly condemned these massacres, calling them by their real name, i.e. ethnic cleansing and genocide against Christians and Alawites?
2. What immediate and specific measures will it take to put an end to the bloodshed and ensure the protection of the remaining Christian and Alawite communities in Syria?
3. When will it finally acknowledge the obvious danger posed by the spread of radical Islamism in the region and take effective measures to protect European values and religious freedoms?

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