Priority question for written answer P-002740/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Is the Commission going to stop subsidising Algeria?

On Monday 30 June 2025, Christophe Gleizes, a French sports journalist who has been detained in Algeria for more than a year, was sentenced to seven years in prison for 'glorifying terrorism' and 'possessing publications for propaganda purposes harmful to national interests'.

On Tuesday 1 July, Boualem Sansal, an 80-year-old Franco-Algerian writer who is suffering from prostate cancer, was sentenced on appeal to five years in prison, having already been unjustly detained in Algiers since 16 November 2024.

Algeria benefits from the 2021-2027 EU-Algeria multiannual indicative programme (MIP), the aim of which is to strengthen the partnership between the two parties. Under the MIP, EUR 172 million was paid to Algeria between 2021 and 2024[1].

1. Can the Commission confirm this amount, and can it tell us how much funding has been allocated for the period from 2025 to 2027?

2. What does the Commission think of the arrests referred to above, and do they constitute a breach of the rule of law?

3. If so, shouldn't the Commission suspend payment of MIP funding until the Algerian regime brings in reforms and ceases its hostility towards France – a Member State of the European Union – and its nationals?

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[1] https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/document/download/18c0dcae-9074-40e0-a8ca765abb44b281_en#:~:text=1.3.&text=L%27objectif%20g%C3%A9n%C3%A9ral%20de%20ce,en%20faveur%20de%20la%20jeunesse.