

Priority question for written answer P-003338/2025
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: Persecution and killing of Christians in Cabo Delgado – Mozambique

Whereas:

- Since 20 July 2025, more than 57 thousand people have been displaced in Cabo Delgado due to further violent attacks by extremist groups affiliated to Islamic State.
- According to the International Organization for Migration (IOM), those displaced include 13 343 families, 490 pregnant women, 1 077 elderly people, 191 persons with reduced mobility and 126 children separated from their parents.
- This is the largest peak of displaced people in recent years, requiring an urgent humanitarian response in terms of food, medical assistance and shelter.
- The main target of the attacks is the Christian community, with beheadings and churches and houses being set on fire, which amounts to ethnic-religious cleansing.
- Since 2017, the total number of displaced people has exceeded 1.3 million, and more than half of the province's health centres have been partly or totally destroyed.

Can the Vice-President / High Representative please answer the following:

1. Are there plans to boost military cooperation with Mozambique and other countries in the region to counteract the jihadist threat?
2. Will the European Union establish a permanent channel for sharing intelligence with Mozambique and partners such as the Southern African Development Community and the UN?
3. What specific steps will be taken to protect the Christian communities subject to persecution in Cabo Delgado?

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