

**Priority question for written answer P-004347/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Protecting Christian communities and response to terrorism in Nigeria and Sudan

The intensification of violence and persecution against Christian communities in Nigeria and Sudan requires a clear response from the European institutions. Thousands have been killed, whole villages destroyed and entire communities forced to flee. Terrorist groups are operating with worrying degrees of impunity, aggravating instability and humanitarian crises and weakening already vulnerable states. These attacks constitute a pattern of systematic religious persecution, directly undermining regional stability, international security and the credibility of our foreign policy.

Despite the gravity of the situation, the Commission has remained silent. The European Union has responsibilities as a global actor and strategic partner in Africa, with a clear mandate to strengthen democracy, the rule of law and human rights. In view of this reality, especially terrorist violence and religious persecution, ambiguity is not an option.

I would thus like to ask the Commission:

1. What diplomatic, financial and political measures is it ready to take to protect these communities and hold those responsible for these crimes to account?
2. How does it intend to ensure that European support does not benefit those complicit in violence, but rather strengthens security and religious freedom?

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