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**Priority question for written answer P-002740/25
to the Commission
Jean-Paul Garraud (PfE)
(4 July 2025)**

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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**Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas on behalf of the European Commission
(20 August 2025)**

1. Under the EU-Algeria multiannual indicative programme ⁽¹⁾ (MIP) 2021-2027, the EU allocated EUR 172 million between 2021 and 2024 to support mutually agreed priorities. For the period 2025-2027, an indicative amount of EUR 45 million per year has been planned, in line with the allocations of the previous period.
2. Upholding human rights is enshrined in the EU-Algeria Association Agreement ⁽²⁾ and thus represents a key element of EU-Algeria relations. On this basis, the EU has consistently raised the cases of Mr Boualem Sansal and Mr Christophe Gleizes with the Algerian authorities. The High Representative/Vice-President personally addressed both matters with her counterpart. The EU remains firmly committed to pursuing all efforts aimed at securing the prompt release of Mr Sansal and Mr Gleizes.
3. EU financial cooperation with Algeria does not involve direct transfers of funds to the Algerian public authorities. It supports projects of common interest that are implemented by international organisations, European public agencies, development actors, private operators and civil society organisations. These projects aim to accompany Algeria's economic and social development in line with shared values and the broader objective of a stable and prosperous neighbourhood. The Commission continuously monitors its cooperation to ensure it is consistent with EU principles and interests.

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.

⁽¹⁾ https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/document/download/18c0dcae-9074-40e0-a8ca-765abb44b281_en.

⁽²⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec/2005/690/oj/eng>.