

**Question for written answer E-007917/2014  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Security situation in Algeria

The security situation in Algeria is very worrying. The army says that more than 80 Islamists have been killed since the beginning of 2014. Foreign nationals are particularly at risk. Recent incidents include the Islamist attack on the Tiguentourine gas plant in January 2013, in which 37 foreign hostages were killed, and the recent beheading of Hervé Gourdel by Jund al-Khalifa militants in the Kabylie region. On 24 September 2014 the EU condemned the barbaric killing of the French hostage and asserted that it was more united than ever in backing the fight against the jihadis, who were putting regional and international stability at risk.

1. How does the EU intend to step up its cooperation with Algeria on anti-terrorism and regional security issues and protect EU nationals in Algeria?
2. Does the EU intend to ascertain the truth about all terrorist incidents in Algeria involving the deaths of EU nationals, and will it make representations to the Algerian authorities in support of efforts by European law enforcement agencies to secure the information they need for their investigations (in particular with regard to the killings of the Tibhirine monks and of Hervé Gourdel, and the Amenas hostage crisis)?