

**Question for written answer E-000455/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

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Subject: VP/HR - Distressing situation of Nigerian girls victimised by Boko Haram terror tactics

Since 2014, the terrorist sect Boko Haram has made the use of women and girls a regular feature of its terrorist activities, the bombing of a market in Maiduguri several days ago by setting off a device attached to a 10-year-old girl being just one example. Local authorities and NGOs report that Boko Haram is forcing girls to convert to Islam and to marry, and that they are being physically ill-treated.

Meanwhile the more than 200 girls kidnapped in 2014 at a school in Chibok are still missing.

Bearing in mind that the promotion and protection of children's rights are basic priorities in European Union foreign-policy activity (see COM(2008)0055 and COM(2011)0060):

1. Does the High Representative intend actively to lead the fight, both at EU level and internationally, against this serious violation of Nigerian girls' human rights?
2. Can the High Representative indicate what forms of action and what initiatives will be taken, as part of the European Year for Development, to end the suffering of the girls who are being victimised in the Nigerian conflict?
3. Does the High Representative believe that EU strategy in respect of Nigeria (for the period 2014-2020) should be revised so as to focus humanitarian aid where it is now most urgently needed?