

Question for written answer E-003559/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
Syed Kamall (ECR)

Subject: VP/HR - Destruction of Christian sites in Palestine

I have been contacted by a constituent who is concerned about the destruction of Christian sites in Palestine.

My constituent tells me that during the construction of a shopping mall in the Al-Daraj district of Gaza City workers uncovered an 1 800-year-old church, removed artefacts and then proceeded to destroy the church with bulldozers.

Can the VP/HR confirm:

1. if she is aware of this incident and if she has raised her concerns with the Hamas Government in Gaza?
2. if she is in a position to find out what happened to the artefacts?
3. what steps she plans to take to protect Christians in the Middle East and their places of worship?