

Question for written answer P-005888/2015
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
Rule 130
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Subject: VP/HR - Situation of Christians

We have witnessed with bewilderment in recent years how Christians are being persecuted all around the world. It is intolerable that men, women, children and the elderly are being murdered, harassed, humiliated and cast aside for no reason other than that they are Christians. We are all aware of how the Christian community is being martyred with an absolute contempt for human and fundamental rights, starting with the right to life and religious freedom.

The situation is growing steadily worse. We only have to remember the latest mass murder in Kenya by the Islamic terrorist group al-Shabab in April, while in the Middle East Christians are being driven out of the region by ISIS.

1. What political priority does the High Representative of the Union/Vice-President of the Commission accord to the situation being endured by Christians around the world and in Africa and the Middle East in particular?
2. What kind of support, actions and physical protection are the victims being offered by the EU?
3. Since this concerns terrorist attacks, what counter-terrorism policies is the EU promoting to prevent the hate and radicalisation to which the Christian community is falling victim?