

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1705/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Aramaic Christians in Iraq

Repression of minorities in Iraq has become increasingly rife in the past few years. Aramaic Christians, in particular, are the victims of abduction, murder, arson and torture. Additional humanitarian assistance is also needed for the thousands of refugees who have fled Iraq in recent years.

- To what extent is this population group, and in particular refugees, receiving humanitarian assistance?

- What steps has the Commission taken, or does it intend to take, in order to guarantee better protection for religious and ethnic minorities, such as Aramaic Christians, in Iraq?

The following question was already posed in my written question E-5391/06 of 29 November 2006, but has regrettably not received a reply and is therefore being posed again:

- Is the Commission prepared to advocate that this group be given its own region, as has already been done in the case of the Kurds among others?