

**Question for written answer E-001158/2014
to the Council**

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Subject: Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis on EU terror list

The name of the group Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis has been associated with almost every terrorist attack committed in Egypt since the ouster of the Muslim Brotherhood. The group has claimed many attacks, including the bombing of national security headquarters in Cairo and Mansoura, the attempt on the life of the Interior Minister, various attacks and battles in the Sinai peninsula, and rocket attacks on Israel. The recent shooting down of a military helicopter in Sinai shows that the group is capable of increasingly sophisticated attacks.

There are allegations of links between the group and the Muslim Brotherhood, Gaza militants and terrorists, and Al Qaeda.

Is the Council willing to consider placing Ansar Bayt al-Maqdis on its list of designated terrorist organisations?