

Question for written answer E-003704/2014
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)
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Subject: VP/HR - Attacks on tourists

The jihadi group Ansar Bait al-Maqdis has called on tourists in Egypt to leave the country or be victims of attacks. A bomb attack in the Egyptian Red Sea resort town of Taba, which is located on the Sinai Peninsula, claimed the lives of three South Korean tourists and their Egyptian driver. The bus was travelling from Saint Catherine's Monastery to the southern part of the peninsula.

1. I am disturbed by the growing strength of jihadi groups in Egypt – a country which is often visited by EU citizens. Soon, they too could be the targets of attacks carried out by these groups. Is the High Commissioner monitoring the evolution of jihadi groups in Egypt?
2. What steps does the High Representative intend to take to improve security for EU citizens in Egypt?