

**Question for written answer E-002799/2016
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**

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Subject: VP/HR - Terrorist attack on Easter Sunday in Lahore

The horrific terrorist attack in Lahore, Pakistan, on 27 March 2016 specifically targeted Christian families celebrating Easter Sunday. The Vice-President/High Representative (VP/HR) has rightly condemned the attack.

In her statement, the VP/HR confirmed 'the full support of the EU in fighting terrorism and promoting our common values of freedom, peace and diversity'.

1. Can the VP/HR specify how the EU supports Pakistan in the fight against terrorism? Does this include specific measures aimed at protecting Christians and other minority communities in order to prevent extremist groups from reaching their stated goal of driving all Christians and other minorities out of the country?
2. Can the VP/HR confirm that Pakistan's blasphemy legislation is not part of the 'shared common values' and in fact a violation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, as concluded, inter alia, by the UN Human Rights Committee in their General Comment 34?
3. Can the VP/HR specify what support is being given to the Government of Pakistan as it faces violent protests by supporters of Mumtaz Qadri, the murderer of Governor Salman Taseer, who are also demanding that Asia Bibi be hanged?