

**Question for written answer E-002663/2021  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Syria crisis

On 30 March 2021, the international community, led jointly by the European Union and the United Nations, pledged EUR 5.3 billion for 2021 and beyond for Syria and neighbouring countries<sup>1</sup>. The EU has mobilised EUR 24.9 billion since the crisis in Syria began in 2011 in an attempt to mitigate its consequences. Despite this huge amount of support, the humanitarian situation in Syria is continuing to deteriorate, according to Janez Lenarčič, Commissioner for Crisis Management.

In addition, US President Biden ordered an attack to be carried out in Syria, barely a month into his term of office, which was described by the US Department of Defence as an act of reprisal. The attack was heavily criticised by Iran, Syria and Russia and in part condemned as illegal and as a violation of human rights and international law<sup>2</sup>.

1. Does the Commission have access to studies showing improvements in Syria as a result of financial support in percentage terms?
2. What is the Commission's position on the act of reprisal?
3. What consequences are being drawn from the violations of human rights and international law?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_21\\_1464](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_1464)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.tagesschau.de/ausland/amerika/biden-luftschiag-usa-syrien-103.html>