

**Question for written answer E-001960/2023  
to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs  
and Security Policy**

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Subject: Security situation in south-east Nigeria

The security situation in the Imo and Anambra states, in south-east Nigeria, has been deteriorating since 2021.

Former President Muhammadu Buhari's decision to authorise the security services to fight the separatist rebellion directly and to disregard court rulings in the case of Kanu, the imprisoned leader of Indigenous People of Biafra, who was exonerated by an appeal court but is still imprisoned, has militarised the Biafra question and heightened tensions in the region.

While the separatist current has always existed in Nigerian political discourse, attempts to seek legal recourse with a view to a referendum on the fate of Biafra and other demands for self-determination have been met with adjournments by the Nigerian judicial system.

- 1) How much attention is the EU paying to the security situation in south-east Nigeria? And what is its position on the resolution of this conflict?
- 2) How is it intervening with the Nigerian authorities to support respect for the freedoms and physical integrity of the political opposition and the holding of and respect for judicial processes?

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