

**Question for written answer E-002074/2023**

**to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

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Subject: Security threats in Uganda

On 17 and 18 June 2023, militants belonging to a jihadist group attacked a secondary school in Mpondwe, a border town between Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), killing at least 42 people, mostly pupils<sup>1</sup>.

Ugandan authorities are blaming rebels of the Allied Democratic Forces, who have links to the Islamic State group, for the attack.

Uganda neighbours the DRC – a country which has been destabilised by the M23 rebel group who are terrorising the North Kivu province – and is now also facing an unprecedented migration crisis due to its open-door policy for refugees fleeing South Sudan and the DRC.

This part of Africa has been weakened by a number of security, economic and migration crises. It has also been destabilised by the actions of various rebel groups. As a result, it is in a particularly unstable situation and continues to be the target of multiple terrorist attacks.

Can the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy explain what the EU is doing to support the fight against terrorism in this region?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-65937484>