

**Priority question for written answer P-000609/2024**

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

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Subject: Situation in northern Mozambique

After a period in which things in Cabo Delgado (northern Mozambique) had seemingly settled down, the past few weeks have been marked by a worrying resurgence of violence, with daily reports of terrorist insurgent groups carrying out barbaric and deadly attacks on a number of villages, roads and churches in the area, triggering an exodus of both the local people and missionaries providing humanitarian aid. Given the worsening security situation and the planned withdrawal of the Southern African Development Community Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM) by June 2024, can the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy please say:

1. In the immediate future, what measures and funds have or may be taken/allocated in order to provide humanitarian and emergency aid to those affected in the region of Cabo Delgado?
2. With armed violence on the rise, does the EU have a strategy for post SAMIM's withdrawal from Mozambique; for example, will it strengthen the European Union Military Training Mission in Mozambique?
3. Does the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy intend to release new funds under the European Peace Facility to equip and train the armed forces that are fighting the terrorist insurgency?

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