

**Question for written answer E-000562/2024**

**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 Cabo Delgado

We are witnessing a new wave of attacks that has brought violence back to Cabo Delgado. According to the IOM, the recent intensification of terrorist attacks has caused more than 800 people to flee armed violence in just five days.

On top of this comes the news that Mozambican marines are being accused of indiscriminately capturing and killing anyone found fishing off the coast of Cabo Delgado province.

These acts, allegedly carried out by marines who may have been trained by the EU military training mission in Mozambique, are said to have been conducted from boats flying the Mozambican flag, bearing the word 'Mozambique'.

According to reports, this wave of attacks began in December and has already claimed nearly 50 lives.

At a time when the renewal of this mission's mandate is being discussed, the following questions arise:

1. Is the EU Delegation in Mozambique, as well as the European External Action Service itself, aware of these events, and what follow-up has been given to the matter?
2. How are these developments being assessed together with the Mozambican authorities?
3. What future measures does the VP/HR envisage in view of the worsening situation in the country?

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