

Basic information	
2025/3029(RSP) RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects Resolution on the mass kidnapping of children in Nigeria, including from St Mary's Catholic School in Papiri Subject 6.10.08 Fundamental freedoms, human rights, democracy in general Geographical area Nigeria	Procedure completed

Key players		
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner
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Key events			
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17/12/2025	Debate in Parliament		
18/12/2025	Decision by Parliament	T10-0340/2025	Summary
18/12/2025	Results of vote in Parliament		

Technical information	
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Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Urgent debate or resolution
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Motion for a resolution		B10-0577/2025	15/12/2025	
Motion for a resolution		B10-0580/2025	15/12/2025	

Motion for a resolution		B10-0584/2025	15/12/2025	
Motion for a resolution		B10-0588/2025	15/12/2025	
Motion for a resolution		B10-0590/2025	15/12/2025	
Motion for a resolution		B10-0593/2025	15/12/2025	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T10-0340/2025	18/12/2025	Summary

Resolution on the mass kidnapping of children in Nigeria, including from St Mary's Catholic School in Papiri

2025/3029(RSP) - 18/12/2025 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 519 votes to 2, with 50 abstentions, a resolution on the mass kidnapping of children in Nigeria, including from St Mary's Catholic School in Papiri.

As a reminder, on 21 November 2025, gunmen attacked St Mary's Catholic School in Papiri, Niger State, abducting 303 students, 12 teachers and staff in one of the largest school kidnappings in Nigeria's history. Nigeria's security situation continues to deteriorate owing to armed gangs and jihadist groups such as Boko Haram and Islamic State, leading the government to declare a national security emergency on 26 November 2025.

Parliament strongly condemned the mass kidnapping at St Mary's Catholic School and all attacks against children, teachers and educational or religious institutions. It expressed solidarity with the victims, their families and the affected communities. It demanded the immediate and unconditional release of all remaining abductees and called on the Nigerian Government to ensure their safe return and to conduct thorough and transparent investigations.

The Nigerian authorities are called on to:

- take concrete steps to strengthen school protection and provide alternative learning arrangements to ensure continuity of education for affected students;
- intensify efforts to secure the release of all civilians held by armed groups and to better protect schools and vulnerable communities;
- ensure independent and effective investigations into abductions and related attacks and to prosecute and ensure judicial follow-up of those responsible in line with international human rights obligations and the rule of law;
- take action against insecurity and religious, ethnic and intercommunal violence in the region.