

**Question for written answer  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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Subject: Conviction of opposition figures in Tunisia

On 19.04.2025, a Tunisian court sentenced 40 persons to prison sentences ranging between 13 and 66 years in prison for conspiracy against the internal and external security of the State<sup>1</sup>. Among them are journalists, opposition politicians and other critics of the regime. The conviction led to fierce criticism from civil society and legal experts, suggesting political motivations.

- 1 Has the European Commission monitored, or engaged with the Tunisian authorities in relation to, the aforementioned case, and through what methods?
- 2 On the basis of what assessment does the Commission have sufficient trust in the independence of the Tunisian judiciary, given the significant amount of EU funding benefitting the Ministry of Justice?
- 3 What influence will the conviction of these prominent opposition figures have on EU-Tunisia relations, notably the inclusion of Tunisia on the recently published "safe countries of origin"<sup>2</sup>list?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/apr/20/tunisia-court-prison-sentences-kais-saied>

<sup>2</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_25\\_1070](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1070)