



COI QUERY

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Main subject	Former nuns in Abomey-Calavi region
Question(s)	Information on incidents of discrimination and/or ill-treatments targeting former nuns who abandoned the catholic Church in Abomey-Calavi region from 2008 to 2018
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COI QUERY RESPONSE

Information on incidents of discrimination and/or ill-treatments targeting former nuns who abandoned the catholic Church in Abomey-Calavi region from 2008 to 2018

Among all sources consulted and within the timeframe allocated to respond to this Query, no information could be found on incidents of discrimination and/or ill-treatment targeting former nuns who abandoned the catholic Church in Abomey-Calavi region, nor in any other regions of the country, from 2008 to 2018.

For general information on the security situation, on human rights and cultural practices in Benin, it is possible to consult the sources listed below.



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