

Syria: Statement by the Spokesperson on the attack in Afrin

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The European Union condemns the attack on Saturday 12 June, on the al Shifaa Hospital in Afrin in northwestern Syria, killing many civilians, including patients and medical staff. We express our condolences to the families of the victims.

This attack is a serious breach of International Humanitarian Law, especially since the coordinates of the hospital had been shared by the United Nations.

The EU recalls that the respect for International Humanitarian Law must be ensured at all times and in all circumstances. The EU reiterates its call for a full nation-wide ceasefire as called for by UN Special Envoy Geir Pedersen.