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Statement by the spokesperson of Catherine Ashton, EU High Representative, on the situation of Rafah Nashid in Syria

The spokesperson of Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Commission, issued the following statement today:

"The High Representative expressed today her concern about the situation of Rafah Nashid, a renowned Syrian psychoanalyst, arrested on 10 September at Damascus airport. Mrs. Nashid is well-known for treating victims of psychological trauma as well as for her active engagement in favour of dialogue between all Syrians. The arrest of Mrs. Nashid, 66, is even more unacceptable given her precarious health condition.

The High Representative calls for the immediate release of Rafah Nashid and of all those arbitrarily detained and arrested.

The High Representative renews her previous calls for an immediate end to repression and violence against the Syrian people and peaceful protesters."

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