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In Berlin today (29 April) Foreign Minister Steinmeier issued the following statement concerning yesterday's attack on a hospital in Aleppo:

Yesterday air strikes hit a hospital in Aleppo which had received funds from the Federal Foreign Office through a partner organisation. Dozens of patients and members of staff were killed.

Ever more serious and brutal violations of the ceasefire, first and foremost by the regime, are being reported almost every day now. Attacks on civilian infrastructure, especially hospitals, doctors and paramedics, infringe fundamental norms of international humanitarian law.

The Syrian Government has to decide whether it wants to participate seriously in the negotiations, or to keep on laying waste to its own country.

This escalation is putting the political process in jeopardy. We now call on all parties to the conflict to adhere to the ceasefire!

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