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Statement by the spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on targeted killings in Syria and other incidents

The spokesperson of Catherine Ashton, the 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 condemns in the strongest terms the murder of Mash'al al-Tammo, a political leader and activist among the Kurdish minority in Syria. He had served more than three years as a political prisoner for his criticism of the Syrian regime. Mr. Tammo's death follows other targeted assassinations in the past days, which are totally unacceptable. These appalling crimes further add to the EU's grave concern over the situation in Syria. All those responsible for and complicit in these crimes must be held accountable.

The High Representative deplores other recent incidents of violence, including the severe beating of opposition leader Riad Saif.

The High Representative condemns the brutal repression as well as all acts aimed at inciting inter-ethnic and inter-confessional conflict. She reiterates that all violence must stop to allow for a genuine, peaceful and democratic transition addressing the legitimate demands of the Syrian people."

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