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Statement by the Spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton following the attempted assassination of Syrian Prime Minister Wael Al-Halki

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

"The High Representative condemns the terrorist attack on the convoy of Syrian Prime Minister Wael Al-Halki in Damascus, which killed and maimed civilians. She condemns also the attack that took place on Tuesday and killed several other civilians. She offers her sincere condolences to the families of the victims and wishes a speedy recovery to those injured.

The High Representative recalls that the EU has consistently condemned terrorist attacks of any nature, including any attacks that may endanger the civilian population.

She is extremely worried about the increasing incidence of terrorist attacks, kidnappings and other violent acts in Syria. She reiterates that the only solution to bring the violence to an end is political dialogue between the different parties. Today in Syria, what is most urgently needed is national reconciliation. We must all give our continuing support and encouragement to promote a political process with both parties involved in the Syrian conflict."

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