STATEMENT

by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the recent violence in Egypt

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

"I was deeply concerned by last weekend’s violent clashes in Egypt and yesterday’s terror attacks in Sinai and Ismailiya. I extend my condolences to the victims and their families.

The clashes show there is clearly a great deal of polarisation and mistrust. This can only be overcome if all sides commit to a political process, defined and agreed by Egyptians themselves, that leads to deep and sustainable democracy. During my visit last week, I saw some potential for this to happen.

The European Union will continue to support the Egyptian people in this process."

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