STATEMENT

by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton

following the release of Libyan Prime Minister Ali Zeidan

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 have been most concerned about the abduction of the Libyan Prime Minister Ali Zeidan, but am relieved now that he has been released.

Such actions put the hard won gains of the revolution at risk. They make it all the more urgent for the Libyan people to stand united and work towards national reconciliation and the establishment of the rule of law.

This event reinforces our determination to support and work with the elected government of Libya and the Libyan people on strengthening institutions so that democratic principles and the rule of law can be upheld."

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