STATEMENT

by the Spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the deadly attacks against UNAMID peacekeepers

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

"The High Representative strongly condemns the attacks by unidentified assailants on UNAMID peacekeepers on 11 October in El Fasher, North Darfur, and on 13 October near El Geneina, in West Darfur, in which one Zambian and three Senegalese peacekeepers were killed and one more wounded. She offers her deepest condolences to the families of the victims, to the Governments of Zambia and Senegal and to all UNAMID personnel.

The High Representative calls on the Government of Sudan to take swift action to investigate the incidents and bring the perpetrators to justice.

The High Representative continues to be deeply concerned about the deteriorating security situation in Darfur. These latest attacks on UNAMID underline the need for a comprehensive and inclusive peace in Darfur and across Sudan. The EU fully supports the continuing efforts of Joint AU-UN Special Representative for Darfur/Head of UNAMID Chambas and other international actors to work towards this goal."

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