STATEMENT

by the Spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on violence in the area of Sada'a, in Yemen

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 is very concerned by reports of increasing violence in the area of Sada'a and Dammaj which has claimed many lives over the past days, notably because the wounded could not be evacuated. She notes with relief that the ICRC has now been granted access to the city of Sada'a in order to deliver essential support and evacuate gravely wounded people. The High Representative calls on all parties to immediately end fighting, and seek a settlement of the conflict through peaceful means.

Yemen's National Dialogue Conference has set an example in bringing the country's different constituencies together and joining forces with the aim of shaping a peaceful and prosperous future. Only dialogue can help resolve conflicts, facilitate understanding between communities and set the path for building a nation where communities can peacefully co-exist."

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