STATEMENT

by the Spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the killing of residents at Camp Hurriya

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 condemns in the strongest terms the rocket attack at Camp Hurriya on 26 December, which according to various reports claimed the lives of several camp residents, the third such attack in 2013. Her sincere condolences go out to the families of the victims and she extends her wishes for a speedy recovery to those who were injured in this attack.

The circumstances in which this brutal incident took place must be clarified and those found to be responsible must be held fully accountable. The High Representative calls on the Iraqi authorities to step up security measures around the Camp so that its residents are protected from any further violence and urges the Iraqi Government to find the perpetrators and hold them accountable for the attack.

The EU once more invites all parties to facilitate the work of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in the relocation of all Camp Hurriya residents to a permanent and safe location outside of Iraq as soon as possible."

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