STATEMENT

by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton

on the killing of 59 secondary school students in a Federal Government College in Buni Yadi, Yobe state, Nigeria

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 strongly condemn the horrific killing of 59 school children in Buni Yadi in the North East of Nigeria, the latest in a series of brutal attacks by terrorists on innocent civilians.

Those responsible for this and other attacks must be brought to justice and held responsible for their acts. Our thoughts are with the victims and the families.

The EU stands firmly with Nigeria in its fight against terrorism and is ready to provide technical support to the Office of the National Security Advisor."

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