STATEMENT

by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton

on the bomb blast which killed three policemen in Bahrain

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 bomb blasts that occurred on Monday afternoon in the village of Al Daih in Bahrain, resulting in the death of three policemen and serious injuries to a number of other law enforcement officers. I offer my sincere condolences to the families of the victims.

A solution to the current difficulties in Bahrain can only be found through constructive and peaceful dialogue. I urge all Bahrainis to unequivocally condemn violence, as has been done by the National Democratic Opposition Parties in Bahrain.

I call on all parties to work towards a swift resumption of national dialogue without preconditions, building on the initiative of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Salman. This is the only way to build bridges towards lasting national reconciliation, by addressing the legitimate grievances of the Bahraini people and advancing the current reform process."

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