STATEMENT

by the Spokesperson on the latest terrorist attack in Nigeria

"We condemn in the strongest terms the bombing of a shopping centre in Abuja, killing 21 people. This attack is the latest in a long series of violent acts terrorising the Nigerian population, including reports of further abductions of women and children in the north-east of the country.

We express our deepest sympathy to the families of the victims.

The perpetrators must be brought to justice and all those kidnapped must be brought home.

As demonstrated by the increased support we have provided recently, the EU stands with the government of Nigeria in its fight against terrorism and violence, and for the rule of law and human rights."

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