Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on attacks in Iraq

The spokesperson of High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice President of the Commission Catherine Ashton issued a following statement today:

The European Union strongly condemns the numerous and seemingly well coordinated attacks all over Iraq, which left at least 110 dead and many more wounded.

"The EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Catherine Ashton expresses her sadness at these attacks and sends her condolences to the families of the victims of this atrocious violence and to the Iraqi authorities.

By turning out in significant numbers during the elections on March 7, the Iraqi people showed their commitment to democracy and to building a better future for Iraq. The Iraqi people deserve a return to peace and normality. They deserve a life in safety. Once again the European Union strongly encourages all political entities in Iraq to engage constructively in the talks needed to form a stable government which is able to deal with all challenges confronting Iraq, not least with security."

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