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Statement by the spokesperson of the EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the death of Mustafa Tamimi

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

"The High Representative deeply regrets the tragic death of Mustafa Tamimi from the village of Nabi Saleh, West Bank. He was killed by a tear gas canister fired at close range while taking part in a weekly demonstration. Mr Tamimi was protesting against the systematic expropriation of the village's land and water spring by the inhabitants of the settlement of Halamish. The High Representative regrets the disproportionate use of force under any circumstances. She urges the Israeli authorities to thoroughly investigate the incident."

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