Statement by the spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the recent violence in Bahrain

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

"The High Representative is very concerned about a series of blasts from improvised explosive devices that killed two civilians and seriously injured a third in Bahrain on 5 November. She offers her sincere condolences to the families of the victims. The High Representative strongly condemns these acts of violence and expects all sides in Bahrain to do the same.

A solution to the current difficulties in Bahrain can only be found through constructive dialogue. The expression of peaceful opposition, including the right to demonstrate, must remain legitimate. Resorting to violence will only create additional obstacles to a long term solution."