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Statement by the spokesperson of EU High Representative
Catherine Ashton on the violent clashes in the town of Meiktila

town in Burma/Myanmar

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:

"High Representative Catherine Ashton is very concerned by reports from Myanmar, indicating
violent clashes along sectarian lines in the Mandalay region. The EU urges the
authorities to protect the civilian population from violence, and to investigate the causes of this
disturbing state of affairs.

The High-Representative encourages all parties and particularly community and religious leaders
to call for an end of violence."

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