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High Representative Catherine Ashton visits Egypt

Responding to requests from key stakeholders Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/Vice President of the Commission, visits Egypt on Monday.

During the visit she will meet with acting President Adly Mansour, Vice-President Mohamed ElBaradei, Minister of Defence General Abd Al Fattah Al Sissi and other members of the interim government. She will also hold talks with other political forces, including representatives of Freedom and Justice Party, and representatives of civil society.

Ahead of her trip, Catherine Ashton said: "I am going to Egypt to speak to all sides and to reinforce our message that there must be a fully inclusive transition process, taking in all political groups, including the Muslim Brotherhood. This process must lead - as soon as possible - to constitutional order, free and fair elections and a civilian-led government. I will also repeat my call to end all violence. I deeply deplore the loss of life. The EU is determined to help the Egyptian people on their journey to a stable, prosperous and democratic Egypt."

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