



Brussels, 21 January 2014
140121/05

S T A T E M E N T

by the Spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the latest terrorist attack in Southern Beirut

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 strongly condemns today's bomb attack which once again targeted Beirut's southern suburbs. She extends her heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the victims.

There can be no impunity for such senseless acts of terrorism. They must be swiftly investigated and those responsible must be held to account.

The High Representative reiterates her support for the efforts promoting moderation and dialogue between Lebanese political forces. Disengagement and dissociation from the Syrian conflict need to continue to be among the key aims of these efforts.

The EU will continue to support the strengthening of Lebanon's institutions and the stability and security of the country.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS:

Michael Mann +32 498 999 780 - +32 2 584 9780- Michael.Mann@eeas.europa.eu [@EUHighRepSpox](https://twitter.com/EUHighRepSpox)
Maja Kocijancic +32 498 984 425 - +32 2 298 65 70 - Maja.Kocijancic@ec.europa.eu [@AshtonSpox](https://twitter.com/AshtonSpox) [Maja](https://twitter.com/Maja)
Sebastien Brabant +32 460 75 09 98 - Sebastien.Brabant@ec.europa.eu
Nabila Massrali +32 460 75 41 75 - Nabila.Massrali@ec.europa.eu
www.facebook.com/EuropeanExternalActionService
www.eeas.europa.eu