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Local EU statement on attacks against Muslim community in Sri Lanka

The European Union Delegation issues the following statement in agreement with the EU Heads of Mission in Sri Lanka:

The EU Delegation is very alarmed by the recent violence perpetrated against the Muslim community. We condemn the outbreak of communal violence which resulted in the loss of lives and extensive damage to property in the Kalutara District.

Our thoughts are with the families of the deceased and those affected by the violence. We welcome the Sri Lankan government's assurance that it will investigate and bring to book those responsible for these incidents.

Incitement of communal violence and hatred can only be counterproductive to Sri Lanka's stability. We urge the Sri Lankan government to ensure that the rule of law is upheld. We call on all Sri Lankans to exercise restraint, respect diversity and refrain from violence, working together to achieve reconciliation.

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