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## S T A T E M E N T

**by the Spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton  
on the political situation in Thailand**

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 concerned about reports that compounds of Government ministries were occupied during demonstrations in Bangkok on Monday. She calls upon all parties to respect the rule of law and to abide by democratic principles. The High Representative appeals to all concerned to avoid escalation and to resolve differences through peaceful means."*

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