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**Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative  
Catherine Ashton on the car bomb attack against the convoy of the  
Minister of Defence in Yemen**

The spokesperson of Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Commission, issued the following statement today:

*"The High Representative strongly condemns the bomb attack in Sana'a against the Minister of Defence and his motorcade on 11 September 2012. She expresses her full solidarity and support to Minister Mohammed Nasser Ahmed, who has played a key role in the implementation of the GCC initiative and the fight against Al Qaeda. She expresses her deepest condolences to the families of the victims and to those injured.*

*The High Representative recalls that the European Union is deeply concerned by all attempts to derail Yemen's transition and is committed to assist President Hadi in implementing the political transition in Yemen. "*

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