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## S T A T E M E N T

**by the Spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton  
on fighting in Juba, South Sudan**

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 very concerned about reports of fighting in Juba last night. She urges all parties to exercise restraint and refrain from further violence. It is essential to look for peaceful, not military, solutions to political differences. Continued violence will only exacerbate, not resolve the problems.*

*The High Representative calls on all parties to protect civilian life, both of South Sudanese and of foreign nationals, and to respect international humanitarian law."*

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