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STATEMENT

by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the terrorist attack in Beirut

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

"The European Union deplores the terrorist attack in Beirut this morning, which took the life of Mohamad Chatah, former Lebanese Minister of Finance, and at least seven others while injuring many. I extend my sincere and heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims.

The spiral of violence in Lebanon is deeply worrying. I urge Lebanon's political leaders and the Lebanese people to put aside all differences and join forces – as a priority and without delay – to restore security in the country.

I also reiterate my call for forming a new Government capable of addressing the many challenges Lebanon is facing.

The EU stands by the people of Lebanon and reaffirms its commitment to the unity, stability, independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Lebanon."

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