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Statement by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the latest series of attacks in Iraq

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

"I strongly condemn the attacks that have taken place in a number of cities in Iraq over recent days and which have caused a shocking number of casualties. I express my condolences to the families of the victims. Such violence against innocent civilians, including worshippers attending prayers, is absolutely appalling, and those responsible must be held accountable for their crimes.

The EU stands by the Iraqi people in resisting this violence, which seems designed to sow sectarian divisions and destabilize the country. I once again urge Iraq's political leaders to engage in meaningful dialogue to overcome the current political stalemate."

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