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## S T A T E M E N T

### **by the Spokesperson of EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the terrorist attack in Beirut**

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 Representation condemns the terrorist attack committed today in Haret Hreik, a heavily populated suburb of Southern Beirut, which has killed at least four people and injured many others. She extends her sincere condolences to the families of the victims and hopes for a speedy recovery for those injured.*

*This follows another car bomb last week that killed former Minister Mohamad Chatah and seven others in Downtown Beirut. The High Representative reiterates her deepest concern at the spiraling violence in Lebanon. These repeated acts of political violence and terror seek to undermine the peace and stability of Lebanon; they should not be allowed to prevail. A determined political response is called for, to oppose the language of violence. The EU will continue to stand by the Lebanese people and support the political and security institutions to overcome the challenges they face."*

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