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## S T A T E M E N T

**by EU High Representative Catherine Ashton  
on the death of Ariel Sharon**

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

*"Israel has lost today former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who had dedicated his whole life to defending the interests of his country. He was a man of strong conviction who had a clear idea of what the future of his country should be and who fought for it with determination. I wish to convey my condolences to his family and to the people and government of Israel."*

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