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STATEMENT

by the Spokesperson on attacks in Iraq and Syria

"The EU expresses its sincere condolences to the families of the victims of the recent series of terrorist attacks targeting civilians in both Syria and Iraq. The spate of attacks in public places across Baghdad which killed more than 40 civilians and the attack on children leaving school in Homs on 1 October which killed 45 people, including 41 children, are atrocious.

The EU condemns terrorist acts of any kind and in any place, and deplores the loss of innocent civilians' lives that these savage attacks have caused. The EU underlines the need to ensure that those responsible for these crimes are held accountable and that there can be no impunity for any such atrocities."