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## Statement by the spokesperson of the HR Catherine Ashton on the attacks in Lahore

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

*"High Representative was deeply saddened to learn about the suicide attacks on a Shia procession in Lahore which killed more than 30 people and injured more than 200. She condemns these attacks and expresses her condolences to the families and friends of the victims.*

*The viciousness of these sectarian attacks in the period of Ramadan and at a time when the country is suffering from the effects of catastrophic floods of historic proportions is shocking. The EU stands behind Pakistan and its democratic government in this difficult period."*

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