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**Javier SOLANA,
EU High Representative for the CFSP,
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Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP),
Issued the following statement today expressing his concern at the situation in and around Gaza:

"I am extremely concerned about the violence that has recently returned to Gaza and the surrounding area and threatens to end the truce. The truce has allowed Israel and the Palestinian Authority to make progress in negotiations and Egypt to seek to broker Palestinian reconciliation. A return to violence is a step back for all concerned. I therefore appeal to all parties to exercise restraint and to respect the truce that has held since June. It is imperative for calm to be restored."

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