



EUROPEAN UNION

Brussels, 13 June 2012
A 271/12

Statement by the spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on the crisis in Northern Rakhine State in Myanmar (Burma)

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

"The High Representative is closely following the situation in Rakhine State in Western Myanmar. Her thoughts are with the families of the victims of this senseless violence.

The High Representative trusts that all parties can find a peaceful and constructive way forward for all the people in Rakhine State.

The EU has repeatedly made it clear that supporting ethnic peace is a top priority for the Union. We welcome the priority which the Myanmar Government is giving to dealing with all ethnic conflicts. We very much welcome the measured response reflected in the President's statement ."

P R E S S

FOR FURTHER DETAILS:

Michael Mann +32 498 999 780 - +32 2 299 97 80 - Michael.Mann@eeas.europa.eu

Maja Kocijancic +32 498 984 425 - +32 2 298 65 70 - Maja.Kocijancic@ec.europa.eu

Sebastien Brabant +32 460 75 09 98 - Sebastien.Brabant@ec.europa.eu

COMM-SPP-HRVP-ASHTON@ec.europa.eu

www.eeas.europa.eu

EN