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**Statement by the spokesperson of the HR Catherine Ashton  
on the attack on the convoy of  
the UN Secretary General's Special Representative in Iraq**

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

*"The EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Catherine Ashton was very concerned to hear of the attack on the convoy carrying senior UN and Iraqi officials in Najaf, Iraq, including the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General in Iraq, Mr Ad Melkert.*

*The work done by the United Nations in Iraq is extremely valuable, and carried out in very difficult conditions. It has the unwavering support of the European Union.*

*The High Representative expresses her condolences to the family of the Iraqi officer killed in the attack, and a rapid recovery to his injured colleagues."*

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