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**Javier SOLANA,
EU High Representative for the CFSP,
today met Shirin EBADI,
Nobel Peace Prize in 2003**

Javier SOLANA, European Union High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), today met Shirin EBADI, lawyer and human rights defender, who in 2003 became the first Iranian Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

Ms Ebadi gave an account of the situation in Iran following the last presidential elections and shared her concerns on a number of issues, including the human rights situation. Mr Solana expressed deep concern about the use of violence against protesters in Iran and strongly condemned the crackdown against the media and civilians demonstrating peacefully. They agreed on the need for the government to allow peaceful demonstrations.

The High Representative ensured Ms Ebadi of the EU's full support in urging the Iranian authorities to protect human rights in Iran. Mr Solana confirmed that the developments in the country remain a main focus of EU concern and action.

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