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Statement by the Spokesperson of High Representative Catherine Ashton on today's suicide attack in Yemen

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

"The High Representative expresses her total condemnation of today's terrible and brutal attack on Yemeni soldiers, who were rehearsing for the national day parade. She offers her sympathy and condolences to the families and friends of all of the victims of this act of terrorism.

As stated in the Council Conclusions on 14 May, the EU is deeply concerned by all attempts to derail Yemen's transition. All parties must abide by the undertakings set out in the Gulf Cooperation Council initiative and implementation mechanism, in good faith. The EU is fully committed to assist President Hadi, exploring all available options to ensure compliance from any individuals who persist in undermining or opposing the political transition in Yemen."

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