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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
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The EU continues to call for an end to violence across Syria and urges all parties to protect all Syrians without discrimination. In its regular contacts with the transitional authorities and local actors, the EU continues to advocate for a peaceful inclusive transition, guided by respect for international law, pluralism and non-discrimination. The EU particularly supports human rights and the principle of equality among all components of society and remains attentive to the actions of the transitional authorities and the way the transition develops.

The EU was alarmed by the violent events in the coastal areas and strongly condemned the horrific sectarian crimes committed against civilians¹. Accountability and transitional justice are key to lasting peace. The EU welcomed the establishment of an investigative committee and calls for all perpetrators of violence to be brought to justice in line with international law norms and standards. The EU has been and continues to be a staunch supporter of accountability mechanisms working on Syria, including the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism, the United Nations Commission of Inquiry, and the Independent Institution on Missing Persons.

The EU provides humanitarian assistance to all Syrian people in need, through pre-certified humanitarian partners in all parts of Syria, without discrimination. EU-funded humanitarian operations are based on people's needs, humanitarian principles, and accountability to affected populations, emphasising transparency, efficiency and effectiveness. In response to the events on the coast, the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations delivered critical emergency assistance to affected populations through its humanitarian partners.

¹ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2025/03/11/syria-statement-by-the-high-representative-on-behalf-of-the-european-union-on-the-recent-wave-of-violence/>.