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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
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The EU's engagement with the Syrian transitional authorities is grounded in its commitment to the Syrian people and promoting peace and stability, while supporting an inclusive Syrian-owned transition that ensures that all Syrians regardless from their ethnic or religious background have a place in the new Syria.

The EU expressed its serious concerns about the clashes in Suwayda¹ and strongly condemned the grave violations of international humanitarian law, including the summary killings of unarmed civilians.

The EU will continue to call for all perpetrators, regardless of their affiliation, to be held accountable and brought to justice. Relevant international mechanisms, including the UN Commission of Inquiry on Syria, must be enabled to gain full access and investigate such crimes. In May² and June³ 2025, the EU introduced new listings against human rights violators and will continue monitoring the situation on the ground and the actions of the transitional authorities. The EU remains vigilant and will continue to sanction individuals who commit human rights violations and jeopardise the peaceful transition. The EU also encourages the swift implementation of the roadmap announced by Syria, Jordan and the US on Suwayda⁴.

Following the humanitarian crisis in Southern Syria, the EU provided emergency humanitarian funding of EUR 1.6 million⁵ in additional funding. This enabled emergency interventions providing water, hygiene, health, protection services, medical supplies, and food.

The EU's humanitarian assistance is delivered through certified humanitarian partners in all parts of Syria, regardless of the area of control, based on the humanitarian principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence. The EU systematically calls on all parties to ensure safe and unimpeded humanitarian access and full respect of international humanitarian law.

¹ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/syria-statement-spokesperson_en.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202501110.

³ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202501255.

⁴ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/syria-statement-spokesperson-roadmap-agreed-syria-jordan-and-us-suwayda_en.

⁵ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/delegations/syria/eu-provides-%E2%82%AC16-million-humanitarian-funding-support-those-affected-escalation-violence-southern_en.