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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
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The EU is closely monitoring the situation in Aleppo and North-East Syria, including through its Delegation in Damascus, and remains vigilant about respect for human rights and international humanitarian law. The EU is also in close contact with the United Nations and its agencies as well as other international and local partner organisations active in Syria.

The EU has repeatedly urged all parties to fully implement the ceasefire, halt any hostilities, ensure the protection of civilians and civilian infrastructure and facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid (see, for example, statements on 10, 19 and 30 January 2026¹). The EU and its humanitarian partners already active in North-East Syria remain on high alert to continue providing assistance where needed and access allows.

The recent escalation underscored the urgent need for the Syrian Transitional Authorities and the Syrian Democratic Forces to implement a sustainable political agreement that would ensure the unity of the country as well as the meaningful political and local participation of all Syrians. In this regard, the EU has consistently reiterated in its diplomatic contacts with the Syrian Transitional Authorities and interlocutors in the region, that the full protection of the rights of Kurdish people is crucial.

The EU will continue supporting a peaceful and truly inclusive transition and national reconciliation, which upholds the human rights of all Syrians without any kind of discrimination, and enables the restoration of Syria's social fabric in all its diversity.

¹ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/syria-statement-spokesperson-latest-developments-0_en;
https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/syria-statement-high-representative-vice-president-kaja-kallas-ceasefire_en;
https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/syria-statement-spokesperson-agreement_en.