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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU's position towards Belarus remains guided by the Council conclusions of October 2020¹ and February 2024². The EU continues to call on Belarus to release and rehabilitate all political prisoners and to end repression against the people of Belarus. The regime must repeal repressive laws and stop politically motivated prosecutions and arbitrary arrests.

The European External Action Service is aware of the case of Belsat journalist Katsiaryna Andreyeva³ and remains in regular contact with human rights organisations and accountability platforms, including Viasna and the International Accountability Platform for Belarus (IAPB), closely following their reporting. In addition, the EU Delegation in Minsk monitors politically motivated trials where possible and maintains contact with political prisoners and their families.

The EU regularly raises the situation of Belarusian political prisoners, in relevant international human rights fora and ensures that Belarus remains high on the EU's agenda. The issue was also addressed in the high-level conference 'Building Foundations for Democratic Change' held in the European Parliament in December 2025.

Regarding restrictive measures, Natallia Buhuk⁴ is listed under EU sanctions for involvement in politically motivated rulings against opponents of the Belarusian authorities, and responsibility in serious human rights violations and the undermining of the rule of law.

¹ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/46076/council-conclusions-on-belarus.pdf>.

² <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-6737-2024-INIT/en/pdf>.

³ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/belarus-statement-spokesperson-escalating-repression-journalists_en.

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32023R0419>.