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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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On 11 March 2025, the High Representative/Vice-President issued a statement on behalf of the EU¹, which condemned in the strongest terms the horrific crimes committed against civilians, including summary killings, many of which allegedly perpetrated by armed groups supporting the security forces of the transitional authorities.

The EU called for a swift, transparent and impartial investigation to be conducted to ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice. It welcomed the commitments made by the transitional authorities, in particular the establishment of an investigative committee. It further called on the transitional authorities to allow the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic to investigate all violations. Everything must be done to prevent any such crimes from happening again.

The EU continues to call for an end to violence across Syria and urges all parties to protect Syrians from all ethnic and religious background without discrimination. The EU consistently supports a peaceful and inclusive Syrian-led political transition, grounded on the respect for international law, human rights, fundamental freedoms, pluralism and tolerance among all components of society.

The EU continues to be a staunch supporter of accountability mechanisms working on Syria, including the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism, the Commission of Inquiry, and the new Independent Institution on Missing Persons.

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/pdf/>