



Statement by Catherine Ashton, Vice-President of the EC and High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, on Gaza violence

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On 26 March 2010, Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the EC, delivered a message about the situation in Gaza on the occasion of the 2010 Brussels forum. Two Hamas militants and two Israeli soldiers were killed in the heaviest exchange of fire between the two sides since a three-week war 14 months ago. Brussels Forum is an annual high-level meeting of the most influential North American and European political, corporate, and intellectual leaders to address pressing challenges currently facing both sides of the Atlantic.

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10:00:05	Soundbite by Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the EC (in ENGLISH): I will if I might read a short statement, because I am very concerned at the current reports of violence taking place in and around the Gaza border with Israel and deeply regret the loss of life; can I call upon Israelis and Palestinians to exercise restraint and call for complete halt to all the violence? These actions undermine our current efforts to facilitate resumption of the peace process and an urgent resumption of negotiations remains crucial.	00:00:39