

# Statement by Federica Mogherini on the attacks on Coptic Churches in Egypt

In one of the Holiest days for the Christians all over the world, the Coptic churches in the Egyptian cities of Tanta and Alexandria have been attacked. Many innocent civilians have been killed or injured.

The European Union expresses its sincere condolences to the friends and families of the victims. Our thoughts are with them.

Those responsible for the attacks must be held accountable. Worshippers, no matter what their belief is, should always be free to pray in peace.

The European Union stands in solidarity with the Egyptian government and people in the fight against terrorism.