

Statement of the HRVP Federica Mogherini on the murder of Jordanian pilot Moaz al-Kasasbeh in Syria and the execution of prisoners

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The murder of Jordanian pilot Moaz al-Kasasbeh constitutes the latest illustration of the denial by Da'esh of the most elementary human values and rights. Our thoughts are with the family of Moaz al-Kasasbeh and with the people of Jordan.

We remain determined to mobilise all means at our disposal to fight terrorism, and we are working in these very hours to finalise our set of measures.

While all efforts must be made to counter terrorism and hold the perpetrators accountable, our reaction to the threat posed by Da'esh needs to be consistent with our common values on justice and the rights of prisoners; our action has to be guided by the respect of international human rights law and humanitarian law. The European position against death penalty remains unchanged and we believe capital punishment does not serve any deterrent purpose.

We are very much aware that Jordan is on the front line in the battle against Da'esh and plays a critical role in contributing to stability in the region.

It is the host country of an impressive number of refugees from Syria, Iraq and Palestine, providing safety and relief for those in grave need.

Jordan is also a valuable partner of the EU and the international community in our common fight against terrorism. We are determined to pursue our efforts to enhance security and counter-terrorism cooperation between the EU and Jordan, in the framework of our privileged partnership and in line with European principles of respecting human rights.

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