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**Declaration of the Presidency on behalf of the EU on the  
violent protests in Northern Mitrovica in Kosovo**

The European Union is deeply concerned by the recent outbreak of violent protests resulting in a number of injured persons in Northern Mitrovica.

The EU fully supports the actions of EULEX and KFOR in establishing the rule of law in Kosovo and in defending a safe and secure environment. The EU will press for anyone who endangers the lives of EULEX and KFOR personnel, as well as any other law-abiding citizens, to be brought swiftly to justice.

The EU defends and supports people's right of return to houses and property that they legitimately own, regardless of their ethnic origins.

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