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European Council condemns the appalling terrorist attack against Tunisia

EU will intensify cooperation

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USPA NEWS - The European Council condemns this Friday the appalling terrorist attack against Tunisia this week. The European Union extends its deepest sympathy to the victims, their families and the Tunisian people.

The European Union and its Member States will intensify cooperation with Tunisia to counter this common terrorist threat, to strengthen Tunisia's promising democracy and to assist its economic and social development, said the Consilium. Previously, the President of the Spanish Government, Mariano Rajoy, expressed his satisfaction that the two Spaniards who were reported missing in Tunisia have been found and are alive and well, although he regretted the death of two other compatriots who died in the terrorist attack that took place in that country on Wednesday.

Rajoy conveyed the pain of the Spanish people and Government to the family of Antoni Ciera Pérez and his wife Dolores SÁnchez Ramí, the two Spaniards dead, and wished them courage to face the future. He also expressed to the President of Tunisia, as he did on Wednesday, "the total and utter support of our government and of the Spanish people following Wednesday's very serious attack" and declared that "we are at his disposition."^[?]

Mariano Rajoy reported that various members of the Spanish National Police are travelling to Tunisia to help in the decision-making and actions that will be taken in the coming hours, and that the families of the deceased are also travelling there. "Jihadi terrorism remains one of the major problems of all our citizens for the last few years now. They are enemies of the Muslim and non-Muslim alike. It is very important to point out that the battle here is against barbarism and not against any religion. This is a war between civilisation and barbarism,"^[?] he stated.

According to Mariano Rajoy, "international cooperation is very important; prevention is very important as is the constant adaptation of legislation, both ours and of the rest of the countries in Europe, in order to be more effective in our response."^[?] In this regard, he mentioned the agreement reached not long ago between the People's Party and the Socialist Party "because this undoubtedly tackles one of the greatest threats to life, liberty, the security of the Spanish people and indeed of all Europeans."^[?]

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