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Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for the CFSP, following detention of Aleksandr Milinkevich and Belarusian opposition leaders

Javier SOLANA, EU High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), issued the following statement following the detention in Minsk of Aleksandr Milinkevich and other opposition leaders:

"I am deeply disturbed by the arrest and imprisonment of Mr Aleksandr Milinkevich and other opposition leaders for taking part in a rally, as well as of others exercising their legitimate political rights. I urge the Belarusian authorities to release and rehabilitate them immediately. I also reiterate the EU's call to the Belarusian authorities to swiftly liberate all political prisoners previously detained, including Mr Aleksandr Kozulin."

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