The European Union condemns the killing of the two electoral campaign workers

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The European Union Special Representative to Afghanistan Franz-Michael Mellbin, strongly condemns the killing yesterday of Dr. Faiz Ahmad Hamdard and Mr. Shujay, who were campaigning in Herat for Presidential Candidate, Dr. Abdullah Abdullah.

Today the European Union Special Representative called on Dr. Abdullah Abdullah to extend his deepest condolences to the families, friends and colleagues of the casualties of the tragic and cowardly act.

As the attack comes at a critical moment for Afghanistan where the nation prepares for Presidential and Provincial elections, Ambassador Franz-Michael Mellbin consequently called on Senior Deputy Minister Salangi to urgently allocate all necessary resources to fully investigate the killings.

"The upcoming elections are crucial for the future of Afghanistan. It is essential that violence is not allowed to derail a peaceful electoral process. All Afghans must be able to exercise their fundamental democratic rights. Votes, not violence, should shape the future of Afghanistan", states the European Union Special Representative Franz-Michael Mellbin.

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