**Jerusalem**
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## Local EU statement on the imminent threat of eviction of Shamasneh family in Sheikh Jarrah

The European Union Representative and the EU Heads of Mission in Jerusalem and Ramallah issue the following statement:

The EU missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah express concern at the imminent threat of eviction of the Shamasneh family from their home in the Palestinian neighbourhood of Sheikh Jarrah in East Jerusalem. If carried out, the eviction would be the first in the area since 2009. Further settlement plans including evictions are being moved forward in Sheikh Jarrah. The EU calls on the Israeli authorities to reconsider these decisions.

The Shamasneh family is one of at least 180 households in East-Jerusalem, mainly in Sheikh Jarrah, Silwan, the Old City and Beit Safafa, facing the threat of eviction from their homes.

The EU missions in Jerusalem and Ramallah recall the successive Foreign Affairs Council Conclusions and statements in which the EU has repeated its strong opposition to Israel's settlement policy and actions taken in this context, including evictions and demolitions. The settlement policy is illegal under international law, and its continuation undermines the viability of the two-state solution and the prospect for a lasting peace.

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