



The OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Serbia's Foreign Minister Ivica Dačić today strongly condemned yesterday's deadly incident in which several people were killed and wounded on a bus near a government-controlled checkpoint in Buhas, eastern Ukraine.

"I condemn in the strongest terms this attack on innocent passengers. I am appalled by this incident and its tragic outcome, and express my deepest sympathy to the families of the victims."

"This incident comes as the situation in the east of the country has significantly deteriorated and I call on all sides to immediately halt the use of force, exercise restraint, return to negotiating table and implementing both the letter and the spirit of the Minsk documents."

"I am following the situation closely through reports from the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine, and I urge all sides to allow for the safe and unhindered access of OSCE monitors to all areas so that they can do their job."