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Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hong Lei's Remarks on the Mortar Attack on the Chinese Embassy in Syria

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Q: On the morning of September 30 local time, the Chinese Embassy in Syria was hit by a mortar shell. What is China's comment?

A: Around 11 a.m. on September 30 local time, a mortar shell landed and exploded in the compound of the Chinese Embassy in Syria. An employee of Syrian nationality was slightly injured and the premises of the mission were slightly damaged. China is shocked at the attack and strongly condemns that. China strongly urges all relevant parties in Syria to strictly abide by the *Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations* and take concrete measures to ensure the safety of Chinese and other foreign diplomatic missions and their staff in Syria.

China calls once again for all relevant parties in Syria to realize an immediate ceasefire and cessation of violence and start dialogue at an early date so as to end the crisis and restore national peace and stability.

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