Foreign & Commonwealth Office (UK)

This week at the Foreign Office

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Aung San Suu Kyi visits UK

Foreign Secretary

William Hague met Aung San Suu Kyi

this week when she visited the UK for the first time since 1988. Speaking after the meeting the Foreign Secretary said:

“It was a pleasure to welcome Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office during her historic return to the UK. She is a symbol of hope to all those people around the world striving for democracy.

Aung San Suu Kyi also addressed

Foreign Office staff

, before meeting the Prime Minister and addressing both

UK houses of Parliament at Westminster Hall

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**Syria

**The Foreign Secretary discussed the situation in Syria with Special Envoy Annan. After the meeting the Foreign Secretary reiterated support for the six-point plan:

“Kofi Annan’s plan remains the best hope to achieve an end to violence and a genuine, peaceful political transition. I made clear that the UK would continue to do all that it could to compel the regime to implement the plan in full, and encourage all parties to step back from confrontation.”

Syria was also high on the agenda when he met the

King of Jordan

on Monday, and

Ministers from countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council

on Thursday.

G20 in Mexico

Prime Minister David Cameron, Chancellor George Osborne and Minister for Trade and Investment Lord Green attended the G20 Summit in Los Cabos. The Eurozone dominated discussions.

See

full coverage of the G20, and Prime Minister’s visit to Mexico

Working towards an Arms Trade Treaty

Ahead of the UN conference, Foreign Office Minister Alistair Burt met Amnesty International and Oxfam youth activists to set out the UK’s vision for the

Arms Trade Treaty

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Hear Robin from York University

quiz the Foreign Office Minister

Also this week:

Minister for Europe David Lidington visited Switzerland

The Foreign Secretary announced plans to open embassies in Paraguay and Haiti

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