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Foreign Secretary condemns Syrian regime aerial attacks on civilians

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Following reports that barrels packed with TNT have been dropped on Aleppo for over a week leaving more than 300 people dead, many of whom were children, the Foreign Secretary William Hague said:

I am deeply concerned at the escalating level of violence in Syria. I condemn the use of brutal and indiscriminate weapons in densely-populated civilian areas, such as we have seen in Aleppo in recent days.

In light of the worsening humanitarian crisis, I call again on all sides to implement the UN Security Council Presidential Statement of 2 October on humanitarian access. The regime must release the detainees it holds, particularly women and children.

I reaffirm our support for the National Coalition, and UK efforts to support the UN's Geneva II' political process starting in January. This is the only way to end the conflict, and to ensure that Assad has no role in Syria's future.

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