Foreign & Commonwealth Office (UK)

Discussing British policy towards Syria with UK Syrian Community

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A Foreign Office spokesperson said:

“Jon Wilks and Jon Davies, Additional Director of Middle East and North Africa Directorate at the FCO, met members of the UK’s Syrian Community, including representatives from Syrian opposition groups, to discuss the UK’s policy towards Syria and new ways the UK could help the Syrian people.

“Speaking at the meeting Jon Wilks said, ‘I welcome this opportunity to reach out to the Syrian community in the UK; we want to work with them in seeking a political solution to the crisis in Syria.’

“The UK is committed to working to end the violence and to supporting Syria to make a political transition to a more democratic and stable future. The UK has provided £30.5m in humanitarian aid to address the Syrian people’s urgent humanitarian needs. We are also providing £7.5 million of non-lethal aid to the Syrian people and opposition. We encourage the opposition to increase their efforts to win the trust of the Syrian people by communicating a vision ofa political future that is inclusive, representative and where the rights of all Syrians are protected.”

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