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Foreign Secretary marks 1000 days of Syria crisis

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Commenting today, William Hague said:

Today marks one thousand days since Syrians first took to the streets in large numbers calling for political and economic freedom. Instead of responding to their calls, the Syrian Government resorted to brutal violence. As a result, over 100,000 lives have been lost and more than 8.5 million people have been forced to flee their homes, 2 million of whom have become refugees. 9.3 million people are in need of and dependent on humanitarian aid. This is the biggest humanitarian catastrophe of this century.

The people of Syria want and deserve peace, but this will only come if they achieve freedom and dignity. This is why the Geneva II peace process starting in January is vital. A negotiated political transition in Syria is the only way to end the conflict, address its root causes and alleviate Syria’s humanitarian crisis. That clearly means that Assad, who has presided over this deepening conflict, cannot be part of Syria’s future.

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