Foreign & Commonwealth Office (UK)

Foreign Secretary statement on Syria

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Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said:

The whole world is horrified by the suffering of the people of Aleppo – the bombing of innocent civilians, the murder of defenceless children.

The fighting must stop now. Russia indicating its support for a 48-hour cessation of hostilities is a step forward. Let’s implement that plan immediately, so we can get essential help, food and medical supplies to the beleaguered people of Aleppo.

It is only when the fighting and bombing stops that we can hope to deliver the political solution – a transition away from the Assad regime towards a new government committed to the interests of all Syrians.

Notes to editors

The UK is planning to host the Syrian opposition High Negotiations Committee (HNC) and international partners in London on 7 September. The HNC will set out its vision for the future of the Syrian political transition during the visit. Further details will be announced in due course.

The UK is at the forefront of the response to the Syria crisis, with life-saving humanitarian support reaching millions of people inside Syria and in neighbouring countries. We have pledged more than £2.3 billion to support those affected by the conflict, our largest ever response to a single humanitarian crisis. You can read more about

the UK’s humanitarian response

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