

Foreign Minister Westerwelle on Syria: Use of chemical weapons would be a crime against civilisation

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Commenting on the current situation in Syria, Foreign Minister Westerwelle said today (26 August) at the annual Conference of the Heads of German Missions at the Federal Foreign Office:

The mounting evidence that chemical weapons, which are banned under international law, have been used is very disturbing.

It is high time that the UN (United Nations) inspectors were granted access. However, the regime has taken a very long time to do anything about this. The reports and images coming out of Syria already speak a clear language.

The use of chemical weapons would be a crime against civilisation. The international community must act should the use of such weapons be confirmed. In this case, Germany will be among those who consider that some consequences will have to be drawn. We are working closely with the United Nations and our allies on this.

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