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This week at the Foreign Office

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The Foreign Secretary started the week in South Africa on a visit which aimed to reinvigorate the UK's relationship with the country. While there he gave speech on a

21st century partnership

. He then travelled to Botswana for talks with Foreign Minister Skelemani

See

coverage of the visit via storify

On Thursday the UN voted to back the Arab League's plan for a Syrian-led solution to the crisis in Syria. The

Foreign Secretary said

it sent a "clear signal of the international community's condemnation of the Syrian regime's actions".

The leaders of the

UK and France discussed the situation in Syria

when they met in Paris today.

A year on from the uprising in Libya, the Foreign Secretary announced

further support for the country

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Minister for the South Asia Alistair Burt welcomed the announcement that the World Trade Organisation would grant

Pakistan a waiver for an EU trade package

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Foreign Office Minister Jeremy Browne visited India as part of the UK’s commitment to build a stronger wider and deeper partnership with India. While there he looked ahead to the London Olympics where he joined two of India’s sporting champions for sports fixtures involving local children.

Full coverage of the visit

As London Fashion Week starts, Fashion designers John Rocha and Louise Kennedy talked to us about

finding creative inspiration in Britain

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Also this week

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Foreign Office Minister Lord Howell was part of a ministerial delegation to visit the

Holy See

The British Embassy in Madrid warned of

email scams targeting British nationals

Lord Bates completed a

3000 mile walk

in support of the Olympic Truce

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