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Maarat Al Numan: Foreign Secretary statement

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The Assad regime has now captured Maarat Al Numan in Idlib. Since April, the Russian and regime offensive has killed more than 1,500 civilians and displaced hundreds of thousands.

The UK has repeated its calls for a political settlement and an immediate cessation of hostilities in Idlib at the UN Security Council this week.

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said:

This vicious campaign of attrition continues to force civilians to flee by targeting their schools, hospitals and emergency first responders. The UK condemns the repeated flouting of International Humanitarian Law. Only a political settlement in line with Security Council Resolution 2254 can deliver a lasting peace for Syria.

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