Foreign & Commonwealth Office (UK)

UK responds to reports on brutal treatment of innocent Syrians

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The Foreign Office today responded to reports from the UN Commission of Inquiry (COI) and Amnesty International on the situation facing Syrian civilians.

An FCO spokesperson said:

We welcome the reports from the

UN Commission of Inquiry

(COI) and

Amnesty International

published today. We fully support the work of the COI and its conclusion that through the abduction and brutal treatment of innocent children, women and men, the Assad regime is guilty of a crime against humanity.

The UK will continue to work to ensure that those responsible are held to account and we will continue to call for the situation in Syria to be referred to the International Criminal Court.

Meanwhile Amnesty's report only reaffirms the need for us to intensify our support to moderate Syrian opposition groups who stand for a pluralist and democratic vision. The vast majority of Syrians want neither the tyrant nor the terrorists; they want the peaceful, pluralistic and democratic Syria represented by the moderate opposition.

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