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Foreign Secretary joins international call for humanitarian access in Aleppo

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The Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson joined US Secretary of State John Kerry and international partners in Paris on 10 December for talks on the humanitarian situation in Aleppo and across Syria, and efforts to renew the political process to find a solution to the conflict.

Following the meeting the Foreign Secretary said:

The situation in Aleppo remains dire with desperate images of destruction and a flagrant disregard for human life being splashed across the media on a daily basis.

We agreed our first priority must be the protection of civilians and ensuring access for humanitarian aid. It’s essential that the regime and its backers provide the United Nations that access with immediate effect.

Although the deterioration of the situation in Aleppo will be a setback for the Syrian opposition it will not change the fundamentals of the conflict. There can be no military solution in Syria. We must keep pushing for a return to a political process with the credibility necessary for all parties to commit to an end to all the fighting.

Following the meeting in Paris the Foreign Secretary will return to the Gulf, visiting Saudi Arabia on 11 December.

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