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Foreign Secretary on violence in Syria

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Commenting on the recent protests in Syria, Foreign Secretary William Hague said:

“I continue to watch the evolving situation in Syria closely, and am deeply concerned by continuing deaths and violence in Deraa and Latakia. Ahead of possible protests on Friday, I call on the Syrian government to uphold its responsibility to protect protesters and to respect the right of peaceful protest and free speech. I call for restraint, particularly from the Syrian security forces.

I note the announcement of committees to study repeal of the Emergency Law, and to review the 1962 census that resulted in many Kurds in Syria being excluded from Syrian citizenship. I believe it is important for the Syrian government to address the legitimate demands of the Syrian people. I call for serious political reforms to be brought forward and implemented without delay”.

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