

# Government response: Foreign Secretary statement on the fall of Daesh

This is an historic moment. Daesh once imposed their rule of terror on an area the size of the United Kingdom. Now the last territory held by Daesh in Syria has been liberated.

We pay tribute to the extraordinary courage of the global military Coalition, including British forces, that made this possible.

But we cannot be complacent. Even without territory, Daesh and its poisonous ideology will continue to pose a threat to the people of Iraq and Syria, as well as to the wider world. The international community must remain firm in its determination to counter and defeat it.