

# North Korea ballistic missile launch: FCDO statement

Press release

A Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office spokesperson statement on North Korea's ballistic missile launch on 14 October.



A Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office spokesperson said:

North Korea continues to violate UN Security Council Resolutions by conducting a further ballistic missile test on 14 October. Alongside our allies and partners, the UK is committed to peace on the Korean Peninsula, upholding the rules-based international system and securing an end to North Korea's illegal activities.

The recent increase in DPRK missile and military activity is destabilising regional peace and security. It is critical that sanctions which target the DPRK's unlawful weapons development remain in place while its programmes exist. We urge North Korea to refrain from further provocations, and to return to dialogue with the US.

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## Joint statement by the Iraq Economic

# Contact Group

## Press release

The UK and Japan co-hosted a meeting on economic reform and climate action in Iraq at the Annual Meetings of the IMF and the World Bank Group



The Iraq Economic Contact Group (IECG) met today with Iraqi representatives in Washington DC. Representatives from Iraq, the World Bank, International Monetary Fund (IMF) and G7 discussed Iraq's economic challenges and opportunities and the need for significant economic reform.

Despite some progress achieved under the current government in a challenging context, Iraq continues to face daunting medium and long-term economic challenges which are compounded by the negative impacts of climate change – including water scarcity, desertification, drought, and soaring temperatures. The IECG encourages the Government of Iraq to drive forward an ambitious economic reform agenda and take decisive climate action.

Iraq's economic reform and recovery, the consolidation of its democracy, and increasing the participation of women and girls in all aspects of the country's economic and political life, are all key to promoting stability not only in Iraq but also in the region.

Diversifying the economy and building an inclusive and dynamic private sector to complement the hydrocarbon industry will promote macroeconomic resilience and provide opportunities and livelihoods for the people of Iraq. This will require reforms that improve the business environment, modernise the financial sector, strengthen macroeconomic stability and public financial management, and fight against corruption; catalysing growth and creating the building blocks for the private sector to thrive.

Investing Iraq's oil revenues prudently – through good governance, effective fiscal management, and transparency – will be important to rebuilding and climate-proofing infrastructure and improving basic services, creating the foundations for sustainable growth.

The IECG remains committed to supporting the Government of Iraq to tackle

Iraq's important economic and social challenges.

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## Political Peerages 2022

Press release

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### **Nominations from the former Leader of the Conservative and Unionist Party**

1. Angie Bray – Formerly Member of Parliament for Ealing Central and Acton, and leader of the Conservative Group in the London Assembly.
2. Graham Evans – Formerly Member of Parliament for Weaver Vale.
3. Sir Michael Hintze – Businessman, founder of the Hintze Family Charitable Foundation; Trustee of the National Gallery.
4. Stewart Jackson – Formerly Member of Parliament for Peterborough, and Special Adviser at the Department for Exiting the European Union.
5. Kate Lampard CBE – Chair of GambleAware; Lead Non-Executive Director of the Department for Health and Social Care.
6. Dr Sheila Lawlor – Founder and Director of Research at Politeia.
7. Dr Ruth Lea CBE – Economist, former civil servant and think tank director.
8. Dr Dambisa Moyo – economist and author; formerly Commissioner for the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities.
9. Teresa O'Neill OBE – Leader of the Council in the London Borough of Bexley; Vice Chair on London Councils; Deputy Chair of the Local Government Association.

10. Professor Andrew Roberts – historian and journalist; Founder-President of the Cliveden Literary Festival.
11. Dr Cleveland Anthony Sewell CBE – formerly Chair of the Commission on Race and Ethnic Disparities; Chair of Generating Genius.
12. Rt Hon Sir Nicholas Soames – formerly Member of Parliament for Mid Sussex, and Minister of State for the Armed Forces.
13. Sir Hugo Swire – formerly Member of Parliament for East Devon, and Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

### **Nominations from the Leader of the Labour Party**

1. Sonny Leong CBE – Co-Founder and Co-Chair of SME4Labour.
2. Frances O’Grady – General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress of the UK.
3. David Prentis – President of Public Services International and formerly Secretary General of Unison.
4. Kuldip Singh Sahota – Labour Councillor for Malinslee & Dawley Bank.
5. Ruth Smeeth – Formerly Member of Parliament for Stoke-on-Trent North.
6. Sharon Taylor OBE – Labour Leader of Stevenage Borough Council.
7. Dr Fiona Twycross – Deputy Mayor of London for Fire and Resilience.
8. Thomas Watson – formerly Deputy Leader of the Labour Party.

### **Nominations from the Leader of the Democratic Unionist Party**

1. Peter Weir – formerly Minister for Education in the Northern Ireland Executive.

### **Nominations for non-affiliated Peerages**

1. Dame Arlene Foster – formerly First Minister of Northern Ireland.
2. Professor Guglielmo Verdirame QC – barrister and Professor of International Law at King’s College London.

### **Nominations for Crossbench Peerages**

1. Sir Peter Hendy – Chair of Network Rail.
2. Air Chief Marshall Sir Stuart Peach – Prime Minister’s Special Envoy to the Western Balkans and formerly Chief of Defence Staff.

The Prime Minister recommended this list to the King, further to advice from the former Prime Minister, Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP.

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## **Political Honours conferred: October**

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## **Kt**

Rt Hon James Jacob BERRY MP

Member of Parliament for Rossendale and Darwen; Minister without Portfolio and Chairman of the Conservative Party; former Minister of State for the Northern Powerhouse and Local Growth. For political and public service to the North of England.

## **Kt**

Rt Hon John WHITTINGDALE OBE MP

Member of Parliament for Maldon, former Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. For political and public service.

## **KCMG**

James DUDDRIDGE MP

Member for Rochford and Southend East; Minister of State for International Trade; former Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Africa, for DEXEU,

Lord Commissioner of HM Treasury, and Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Prime Minister. For political and public service.

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## Disruptive fans banned from World Cup in Qatar

News story

Supporters with football banning orders prevented from travelling to Qatar for the World Cup.



Picture courtesy of Getty Images.

Measures to prevent disruptive and violent football fans subject to football banning orders in England and Wales from travelling to the World Cup in Qatar come into effect from today (Friday 14 October).

From 10 November the 1,308 people subject to a football banning order will be required to hand in their UK passports to the police until the end of the tournament, facing up to 6 months in prison and an unlimited fine if they fail to do so or attempt to travel to Qatar and neighbouring countries.

Passports will be returned to individuals after the final match of the tournament. If they wish to travel to other countries during this period, they will need to seek permission to hold on to their passports and will be subject to thorough checks.

As part of a targeted operation at ports, police will also be able to intercept known troublemakers who are likely to cause further disruption to stop them from attending the tournament. If they are caught attempting to travel, they will face a banning order court hearing within 24 hours.

Police officers in the UK and Qatar will gather intelligence during the tournament, with fans causing disruption during the World Cup risking arrest or being handed a football banning order on their return to the UK.

This is part of wider action the government has taken to crack down on violence and disorder at football matches, which includes extending football banning orders to cover the women's domestic game and football-related online hate crime, and the imminent extension to Class A drug offences at matches.

The police also continue to take action, with over 2,100 arrests made and 516 new football banning orders issued in the 2021 to 2022 season.

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