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Griffith MP, Labour's Shadow Defence Secretary, responding to the announcement

that BAE Systems will be cutting 1,915 jobs in the UK, said:

"This

is truly appalling news for BAE's workers and for communities across the UK.

"The

jobs that BAE are cutting are highly-skilled and their loss will be felt in areas that have a strong tradition of defence manufacturing.

"It

is time for the Government to address the clear uncertainty that is felt by the

industry and come forward with an urgent plan to save these jobs. This must include the possibility of bringing forward orders to provide additional work for BAE's employees, such as replacing the Red Arrows' fleet of Hawk aircraft that are approaching the end of their service life."