

# Foreign Secretary summons Iranian Chargé d’Affaires over threats to journalists in the UK

Press release

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The Foreign Secretary today instructed the FCDO to summon Iran’s most senior diplomat following a series of serious threats against journalists living in the UK.

In recent years, the Metropolitan Police have contacted a number of UK-based journalists, having received credible information about a threat to their lives.

Foreign Secretary James Cleverly said:

The UK will always stand up to threats from foreign nations. I summoned the Iranian representative today to make clear that we do not tolerate threats to life and intimidation of any kind towards journalists, or any individual, living in the UK.

The Iranian regime has responded to widespread internal protests with the suppression of freedom of expression and the targeting of media outlets operating in Iran. More than 40 journalists have been arrested and detained.

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# UK-France joint statement: 11 November 2022

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Foreign Secretary James Cleverly MP and Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna issued a joint statement.



1. Foreign Secretary James Cleverly MP and Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna held talks in Paris today, reaffirming the enduring and essential partnership between France and the United Kingdom. On the occasion of Armistice Day, they reflected on their countries' shared history and sacrifice.
2. The Ministers looked forward to the ambitious bilateral Summit to be held in France in early 2023. They underlined the importance of cooperation in addressing global and bilateral challenges:
  - On climate change and biodiversity loss, both countries will support international efforts under Egyptian and UAE Presidencies, mainstream and increase urgent climate ambition across broader multilateral processes.
  - They agreed to cooperate to secure energy supplies and accelerate their clean energy transition, especially by supporting the development of offshore wind power. They reaffirmed the importance of reducing the rise of energy prices and the G7 Oil Price Cap. The Ministers committed to increase bilateral civil nuclear cooperation and welcomed good progress towards reaching an investment decision for the Sizewell C nuclear power plant project.
  - On illegal migration, they stressed the urgency of tackling all forms of illegal migration including small boats crossings and addressing their root causes. They welcomed progress made towards a significant new UK-France agreement and in this respect the conclusion of an ambitious package as soon as possible. The Ministers agreed to reinforce cooperation with near neighbours, including through an early meeting of the Calais group.
3. They underlined their determination to provide Ukraine with the political,

military, humanitarian and economic support it needed to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity and to enhance its resilience for the coming winter and beyond. They deplored the global impact of Russia's actions and underlined their commitment to mitigate the consequences for the most vulnerable. They agreed to coordinate preparations for the respective upcoming international conferences on civilian resilience and recovery. They reaffirmed their unwavering commitment to the fight against impunity.

4. The Ministers committed to strengthening cooperation in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific and coordinate responses to the systemic challenges posed by an increasingly assertive China, while remaining ready to work with China on global challenges such as climate change. France and the UK will press China, as permanent member of the UNSC, notably with regard to the Russian war of aggression in Ukraine, to uphold its responsibilities in the UN, on Ukraine and human rights.

5. On Iran, they condemned Iran's violent repression of legitimate peaceful protests and Iran's support for Russia's illegal war in Ukraine, including through drones used for indiscriminate targeting of civilians and civilian infrastructure. They condemned Iran's destabilising activities in and around the Middle East, including transfers of UAVs and missiles and pledged to reinforce international cooperation to counter these activities. The Ministers reiterated their clear determination that Iran must never acquire a nuclear weapon and their deep concerns at its insufficient cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency.

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## **PM meeting with King Abdullah II of Jordan: 11 November 2021**

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The Prime Minister was pleased to have the opportunity to meet His Majesty the King early on in his premiership, given the importance and historic significance of the UK-Jordan relationship.

They discussed regional security, including developments in Iraq and Syria and challenges posed by climate change and energy security. Both leaders reiterated their shared commitment to peace and stability in the Middle East.

The Prime Minister and King Abdullah also welcomed opportunities to deepen cooperation on trade and investment, including new solar and wind power projects and sustainable infrastructure development.

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## [Funding secured for NDA backed project set to transform Cumbria's economy](#)

The Industrial Solutions Hub (iSH) at Cleator Moor is one of 4 projects to receive support from the £40.9 million Cleator Moor Town Deal.

It means the industrial campus can now go ahead, delivering benefits for local businesses and communities.

The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) and Sellafield Ltd have pledged a combined £11.2 million of match funding to the project plus a potential further £11 million, subject to achievement of future milestones.

That was key to unlocking government support via the Department for Levelling Up, Communities and Housing's Town Deals initiative.

Separately, Sellafield Ltd has contributed £3.1 million to projects under the Millom Town Deal, which has also received government backing.

NDA Chief Executive, David Peattie, said:

This is tremendous news for our community in Cumbria.

We invest almost £15 million each year to assist our site communities in delivering significant social and economic change.

The iSH will create jobs and opportunities for generations to come and provide a space for organisations to collaborate and deliver innovative solutions to global industry challenges.

We're looking forward to working with our partners to bring this potentially transformative project to fruition.

Martin Chown, Sellafield Ltd chief executive said:

The iSH will play a crucial role in helping us deliver our purpose of creating a clean, safe environment for future generations.

It will allow us to take complex engineering challenges off the Sellafield site and into the community where we can collaborate, innovate, and make progress on our highest priority projects.

We're already seeing the benefits of this approach at our Engineering Centre of Excellence at Cleator Moor. The iSH will allow us to build on this and create even greater value for Sellafield Ltd, our community, and the UK.

Our funding also played a key role in the securing of government backing for the Millom Town Deal which is fantastic news for another part of our community.

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## **Seafood supplier boss hit with 11-year ban after failing to pay nearly £1m tax**

Adrian Nunn, 55, from Orpington, has been disqualified as a director for 11 years after he falsely accounted over £2.3 million in his company, The Upper Scale Limited, over a period of 6 years up to 2017.

The business supplied seafood to restaurants and cafes across the London region but the firm ceased trading in February 2021 and went into liquidation

shortly afterward.

The company's liquidation, however, triggered an investigation by the Insolvency Service and identified significant tax abuse.

Investigators uncovered that as a result of Nunn's actions, the business owed £940,000 in unpaid tax at the point of liquidation.

The Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy accepted a disqualification undertaking from Adrian Nunn, after he admitted to misappropriating company funds to the detriment of the public purse. His ban is effective from 14 October 2022 and lasts for 11 years.

The disqualification undertaking prevents him from directly, or indirectly, becoming involved in the promotion, formation or management of a company, without the permission of the court.

Elizabeth Pigney, Chief Investigator at the Insolvency Service said:

Adrian Nunn fell well short of the standards required of a company director and has therefore been removed from the corporate arena for a significant amount of time.

His 11 year ban should serve as a clear warning that if you fail to adhere to the tax regime, we will use our full powers to bring you to account.

## **Notes to editors**

Adrian Nunn is of Orpington, Kent and his date of birth is December 1966.

The Upper Scale Ltd (company reg no. 06955445).

Disqualification undertakings are the administrative equivalent of a disqualification order but do not involve court proceedings.

Persons subject to a disqualification order are bound by a [range of other restrictions](#).

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