

36th Universal Periodic Review: UK statement on Belarus



Thank you Madam President.

The United Kingdom acknowledges Belarus' engagement in the UPR, but remains deeply concerned that systematic human rights violations continue in Belarus.

We condemn the arbitrary detentions, violence and intimidation against peaceful protestors, independent journalists and members of the opposition.

We recommend that Belarus:

1. Immediately lift restrictions on freedoms of association, peaceful assembly and expression, including on independent media and the Internet.
2. Release those arbitrarily detained, and investigate all allegations of torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, particularly related to people in detention.
3. Implement the recommendations in the OSCE Rapporteur's Report under the Moscow Mechanism.

Thank you.

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