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Press release: Attorney General launches recruitment campaign for new Director of Public Prosecutions

The Attorney General, Jeremy Wright QC MP, has today launched a recruitment campaign to find the next Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

It was announced earlier this week that the current DPP, Alison Saunders CB, will stand down in October 2018 at the end of her 5 year term.

Announcing the recruitment campaign, the Attorney General Jeremy Wright QC MP said:

In recruiting the next DPP we are looking for an extraordinary candidate. The job requires excellent legal judgement, the ability to lead a large organisation and the capacity to work with others in improving the criminal justice system as a whole.

This is an exciting time to be joining the CPS and to be able to play a pivotal role in shaping the organisation and its future.

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) employs around 6,000 people. It prosecutes criminal cases that have been investigated by the police and other investigative organisations in England and Wales, including the National Crime Agency and HMRC.

The job advert can be found on the [Civil Service Jobs](#) website and the deadline for applications is 9.00 on 14 May 2018.

[Press release: Joint Statement on anniversary of Khan Sheikhoun attack](#)

Joint Statement on the anniversary of the Khan Sheikhoun attack by Boris Johnson, Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom, Jean-Yves Le Drian, Foreign Minister of France, Heiko Maas, Foreign Minister of Germany and John Sullivan, Acting Secretary of State of the United States.

Today marks one year since the heinous attack on the town of Khan Sheikhoun, where Asad's forces unleashed sarin nerve gas with tragic consequences for hundreds of men, women and children.

For more than seven long years there has been no let-up in the atrocities committed by the Syrian regime, enabled by its backers, in flagrant violation of international law. The suffering that has been inflicted on the Syrian people by the Asad regime and its backers is abhorrent.

In 2013, Russia promised to ensure Syria would abandon all of its chemical weapons. Since then, international investigators mandated by the UN Security Council have found the Asad regime responsible for using poison gas in four separate attacks. Instead of fulfilling its promise, Russia reacted by using its Security Council veto to shut down the investigation.

Each time a chemical weapon is used, it undermines the global consensus against their employment. Further, any such use in clear violation of the Chemical Weapons Convention gravely undermines the rules-based international order.

We condemn the use of chemical weapons by anyone, anywhere. We are committed to ensuring that all those responsible for their use are held to account. We will not rest in our efforts to seek justice for the victims of these abhorrent attacks in Syria.