<u>Comments on the Government's plans to suspend military co-operation with Myanmar's armed forces — McInnes</u>

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McInnes MP, Labour's Shadow Foreign Office Minister, responding to the Government's

announcement that it plans to suspend military co-operation with Myanmar's armed forces, said:

"Labour

has been calling for a suspension of UK military support to Myanmar for several

weeks now. So this is a welcome announcement, albeit a belated one, and we hope

that it will serve as a precedent for similar action regarding ongoing UK support for Saudi-led military operations in Yemen.

"For

now, the Government's most immediate priority must be to build on this announcement by putting pressure on the civilian and military authorities in Myanmar, in co-ordination with our allies, in order to bring the horrific violence in Rakhine state to an end once and for all."