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Press release

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Foreign Secretary Liz Truss said:

As Russian troops are forced into retreat, we are seeing increasing evidence of appalling acts by the invading forces in towns such as Irpin and Bucha.

Their indiscriminate attacks against innocent civilians during Russia's illegal and unjustified invasion of Ukraine must be investigated as war crimes.

We will not allow Russia to cover up their involvement in these atrocities through cynical disinformation and will ensure that the reality of Russia's actions are brought to light.

The UK will fully support any investigations by the International Criminal Court, in its role as the primary institution with the mandate to investigate and prosecute war crimes. The UK-led effort to expedite and support an International Criminal Court investigation into crimes in Ukraine was the largest State referral in its history.

We will not rest until those responsible for atrocities, including military commanders and individuals in the Putin regime, have faced justice.

At this time, more than ever, it is essential that the international community continues to provide Ukraine with the

humanitarian and military support it so dearly needs, and that we step up sanctions to cut off funding for Putin's war machine at source.

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