

Foreign Secretary statement on closure of Apple Daily in Hong Kong

Press release

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab comments on the closure of the Apple Daily newspaper in Hong Kong.



Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said:

The forced closure of Apple Daily by the Hong Kong authorities is a chilling blow to freedom of expression in Hong Kong.

It is crystal clear that the powers under the National Security Law are being used as a tool to curtail freedoms and punish dissent – rather than keep public order.

The Chinese government undertook to protect press freedom and freedom of speech in Hong Kong under the UK-Sino Joint Declaration. It must keep its promises, and stand by the commitments it freely assumed.

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