<u>Green Party calls on UK government to</u> <u>condemn US assassination of General</u> <u>Qasem Soleimani</u>



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A Green Party spokesperson said: "The Green Party condemns the assassination of General Qasem Soleimani as an affront to responsible diplomacy and a disproportionate and deliberately provocative act in a volatile region.

"We call on the UK government to condemn the attack with the utmost urgency and at the highest level, and to work with US colleagues to counter President Trump's reckless and dangerous foreign policy.

"The Green Party has always believed and continues to believe that aggressive actions that risk war are never the answer.

"General Soleimani was implicated in violence throughout the region, including attacks on US soldiers, which we would also condemn. However, a responsible and ethical foreign policy would involve bringing an end to this violence through peaceful means, rather than escalating it and risking extreme further escalation.

"It is critical that we see a de-escalation from both sides to allow proper diplomatic talks to take place."

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