

PM call with Chancellor Merkel: 17 August 2021

Press release

Prime Minister Boris Johnson spoke with German Chancellor Merkel this morning.



The Prime Minister spoke to German Chancellor Merkel this morning about the situation in Afghanistan.

They agreed that global cooperation was crucial, both on the urgent need to evacuate foreign nationals and others from Afghanistan, and the longer-term importance of preventing a humanitarian crisis in the country and region.

Both leaders resolved to use their bilateral and multilateral influence to encourage international partners to adopt a joined-up approach to the challenges ahead. The Prime Minister also stressed the need to agree shared international standards on human rights that any future Taliban government in Afghanistan will be held to by the international community.

The Prime Minister outlined his intention to convene G7 leaders for a virtual meeting to discuss this at the earliest opportunity.

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