

PM meeting with His Majesty the Sultan of Brunei: 4 February 2020



This afternoon the Prime Minister welcomed His Majesty the Sultan of Brunei to Downing Street to renew a long-standing defence agreement and hold bilateral talks. The leaders agreed on the importance of the close security relationship between the two countries embodied by the 750 UK personnel stationed in Brunei under the terms of the Garrison Agreement. The Prime Minister reaffirmed the UK's commitment to a secure and prosperous South East Asia.

The leaders discussed the UK's upcoming chairmanship of COP26, with the Prime Minister underlining the importance of diversifying energy sources away from fossil fuels. They looked forward to Brunei's chairmanship of ASEAN and expressed a desire to deepen economic ties between the UK and the region.

The Prime Minister raised concerns around the implementation of Brunei's Sharia Penal Code with the Sultan, stressing that it is vital the country upholds the human rights of all its citizens in accordance with international law.

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