

Press release: Foreign Office minister signs historic resolution to bring Daesh to justice

Speaking at the United Nations, Minister Burt said:

There can never be adequate recompense for those who were forced to endure the wanton brutality of Daesh, and the dead will not be brought back, but this Resolution means that the international community is united in our belief that there should, at least, be accountability for those who perpetrated such wicked acts.

The United Nations will now help to gather and preserve evidence of Daesh's crimes in Iraq and I can announce that Britain will provide £1 million to establish the UN investigative team that will lead these efforts – and I would respectfully encourage other countries to contribute.

The resolution represents a concerted effort of coordinated global action to bring Daesh to justice for their crimes. It requests:

- to establish an investigative team of experts to collect, preserve and analyse evidence of Daesh's crimes, beginning in Iraq.
- to appoint a UN special adviser to lead the investigative team and promote the importance of holding Daesh accountable for their crimes globally.

Proposed by the UK and fully supported by Iraq, the resolution was passed by the Security Council following a letter written to the U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres from the Iraqi Prime Minister and Foreign Minister requesting international support of Iraqi efforts to bring Daesh to justice.

Further information