

Press release: Foreign Office statement on Anfal Memorial Day

Minister for the Middle East Mark Field said:

Today marks the 31st anniversary of the Anfal Campaign, Saddam Hussein's brutal assault against the Kurdish people in Iraq, in which between fifty and one hundred thousand men, women and children were slaughtered. Countless others were driven from their homes. On this poignant occasion, our thoughts are with those families mourning loved ones.

In recent years the people of Iraq, including those of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, have faced a new threat in the form of Daesh – a barbaric organisation that has sought to propagate a hateful ideology. The UK is proud to have stood by the Iraqi people in the fight against Daesh, and we will continue to support them in building a peaceful and prosperous future.

Further information