

Press release: Hurricane Irma: Foreign Secretary's statement, 8 September 2017

I want to say something about the continuing crisis in the Caribbean where Hurricane Irma has caused great devastation in the British Virgin Islands and elsewhere. There are now further storms moving in, Hurricane Jose.

We have sent, as you know, RFA Mounts Bay which will be moving from Anguila to the British Virgin Islands later on this morning to distribute humanitarian aid there. We've announced a £32 million aid package for the area. We're sending a Foreign Office team as well as DFID teams and UK troops.

And the Foreign Office has set up a hotline. If anyone is concerned about their relatives or about what is likely to happen to holiday makers in that area, please get onto that hotline which should be available on the website.