

Press release: PM call with Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi: 4 July 2017

The Prime Minister spoke to His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, this afternoon.

She began by thanking him for the UAE's messages of condolence and solidarity after the recent terrorist attacks in the UK, and the tragedy at Grenfell Tower.

They agreed that the threat of terrorism and violent extremism is one we share, and that we must continue to work together to keep our people safe. In particular, they discussed the need to tackle terrorist financing and the spread of extremist ideology on the internet.

They also committed to continuing to build on our close cooperation on trade and investment.

The PM raised the current situation in the Gulf. She reiterated the need for all sides to maintain dialogue and find a resolution that everyone can support to restore Gulf Cooperation Council unity.

She welcomed the extension that had been given to Qatar to respond to the concerns that were raised. She was clear the UK hopes to see engagement continue beyond the Qatari response and remains committed to supporting this process.

They agreed on the importance of Qatar working with its regional partners to combat terrorism and ensure stability in the Gulf.