

Press release: Sir Alan Duncan statement on the Venezuelan National Assembly attack

The Rt. Hon Alan Duncan, Minister of State for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office said:

I deplore yesterday's attack on the democratically elected Venezuelan National Assembly and the aggression towards MPs by pro-government supporters. This unchecked violence is contemptible and unacceptable. I urge the Venezuelan Government to take appropriate measures to guarantee the safety of the National Assembly and all MPs.

The continued escalation of violence and lack of protection provided by Venezuelan law enforcement organisations to the National Assembly is a threat to the principles of democracy. I call on the Venezuelan Government to respect Venezuela's Constitution and the inviolability of its democratic institutions.