

# Food security is now top of our agendas since Russia's invasion of Ukraine: UK at the UN

We are so grateful to the US for leading this week of action.

Food security is now at the top of all of our agendas, since Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The effects of the war are brought home to me daily by the 25 year old Ukrainian woman who has come to live in our home. When we can find some phone signal, we talk to her grandparents, who are in occupied Kherson, about their daily struggles to find something to eat.

Famine is once again being used as a weapon of war.

This doesn't just affect the brave people of Ukraine.

Ukraine's food and fertiliser exports were feeding up to 400 million people worldwide.

The simplest solution is, of course, for Russia to end the conflict and allow Ukrainian farmers to care for their crops this year.

We must urgently make multiple plans to export last years' grain by both rail and sea. And I know that my friend, Minister Solsky, is full of solutions in this regard.

We must collectively ensure that trade keeps flowing.

I am pleased that over 50 WTO members have committed to keeping food markets open, predictable and transparent. We should agree to prohibit export restrictions on food bought for the World Food Programme.

The G7 has a key role to play. Under our Presidency we secured the first ever famine prevention compact. I am delighted that Germany is now picking up the baton and taking this further with the Global Alliance on food security.

We must all, including multilateral institutions, scale up our support.

Over the next 3 years, the UK will send £3 billion worth of humanitarian aid to the most vulnerable countries, including in the Horn of Africa, Yemen and Afghanistan.

And the World Bank must deliver the promised \$170 billion over the next 15 months.

We particularly think of small island developing states, who are so reliant on imports.

We will continue to use British Investment Partnerships around the world to encourage the universal resilience of global food production.

The need is urgent. We must act coherently and together, and, as they sing in the Ukrainian national anthem, 'before the dew dies in the sunshine'. And, we need to ensure that the way we produce food remains sustainable in every sense.

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## [Leicester security operatives faced realistic terror scenarios in nightclub exercise](#)

Press release

Yesterday Leicester's Mosh Nightclub was the scene of a set of simulated emergency exercises for the club's management, staff, and security team.



Security Industry Authority

The exercise saw the club's security operatives challenged by four realistic scenarios under the guidance of Leicestershire Police, Leicester Fire and Rescue Service, and National Counter Terrorism Security Office. The initiative, which is part of the UK-wide Operation SENTRY, was led by the Security Industry Authority (SIA). Its purpose is to ensure preparedness in the unlikely event of a mass casualty event at a Leicester club.

The emergency exercise is designed for front line security operatives to enable them to put into practice [ACT Awareness e-learning](#) as well as the newer [ACT Security e-learning](#). This free e-learning course was designed by government counter-terrorism experts from the National Counter Terrorism Security Office, the Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure and the SIA. The custom-built training provides up-to-date counter-terrorism knowledge to help security professionals prepare for and respond to terrorist incidents whilst on duty. The counter-terrorism e-learning features specific drills that were showcased yesterday:

- mass stabbing (gang related knife attack)
- a marauding terrorist attack taking place outside the club
- acid attack
- a suspect package

This event is aimed to strengthen the resilience of Mosh Nightclub staff and to enable them to test their emergency plan.

Ronnie Megaughin, Head of Compliance and Inspections, said:

Putting Mosh Nightclub's security operatives into realistic terror scenarios is one of the best ways to prepare them in the event of a real-life incident. Security operatives may be the first people on the scene in an incident. Yesterday's staged terror incidents enabled security operatives to take part and deal with the scenario, and then receive an instant debrief from counter-terror experts. We know from experience that operatives, and their managers, really appreciate what they learn from these events and find them worth their while. Any of these security staff could find themselves as the first responder at a serious incident, and this exercise could literally be the difference between life and death.

Inderjit Singh, the SIA's Regional Investigator for the East Region, who is leading on the event, said:

We're really pleased with the commitment that Mosh's security staff put into yesterday's exercise. The main aim of exercises like this is to enhance public safety in Leicester's night-time economy by working with venues and security staff. It's also to showcase best practice by putting the Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) awareness e-learning package, which we've been recommending to all licensed operatives, into practice. I'd like to thank all of our partners and especially Mosh Nightclub for hosting yesterday's exercises to enhance public protection.

The emergency planning exercise at Mosh Nightclub continues a programme of similar exercises and follows on from events in Chesterfield and London in autumn 2021 and Glasgow in April this year. A pilot event took place at Buxton in Derbyshire in October 2019.

Notes to editors:

Further information:

- The Security Industry Authority is the organisation responsible for regulating the private security industry in the United Kingdom, reporting to the Home Secretary under the terms of the [Private Security Industry Act 2001](#). The SIA's main duties are the compulsory licensing of individuals undertaking designated activities and managing the voluntary

Approved Contractor Scheme.

- For further information about the Security Industry Authority visit [www.gov.uk/sia](http://www.gov.uk/sia). The SIA is also on [Facebook](#) (Security Industry Authority) and [Twitter](#) (SIAuk).

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## [Guatemala: UK statement on the re-election of the Guatemala Attorney General](#)

Government response

The United Kingdom has issued a statement following the appointment of the Attorney General.



Minister for Latin America Vicky Ford said:

The United Kingdom expresses its concern at the re-election of María Consuelo Porras to the post of Attorney General in Guatemala.

We note that Sra Porras is sanctioned on the US Engels List of undemocratic and corrupt officials, and that there are other serious reasons to doubt her suitability for this important role.

The United Kingdom will continue to work closely with international partners to encourage the Government of Guatemala to strengthen the rule of law and support and respect judicial independence.

Respect for the rule of law and judicial independence are essential conditions for Guatemala to boost prosperity, attract foreign investment, protect human rights, maintain a healthy democracy and

win the fight against corruption.

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## Civil news: CCMS update for international child access cases

News story

New online civil funding application features for international disputes about rights of access to a child falling under Article 21 of 1980 Hague Convention.



We have introduced new features to help with Client and Cost Management (CCMS) funding applications about rights of access to a child.

The improvements are specifically for funding applications falling under article 21 of the 1980 Hague Convention. These concern international disputes about rights of access to a child.

The new features include:

### **How do the new features work?**

When making an application in CCMS providers will come to a drop-down menu with options which include 2 new selections:

1. 'Article 21 Hague Convention 1980 – non-means'
2. 'Article 21 Hague Convention – respondent'

If appropriate, making the 'non-means' selection from the matter type categories listed for article 21 work will shorten the application process.

This is because you will only be asked to provide limited information when completing the means assessment interview.

### **Where can I find out more?**

Guidance for creating initial applications on behalf of applicants is available on our training and support website.

### **Further information**

[Training and support website](#) – to view article 21 initial application guidance

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## **[Home Secretary meeting with Rwandan Minister Dr Vincent Biruta](#)**

Home Secretary Priti Patel today (Wednesday, 18 May) hosted Rwandan Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation, Dr. Vincent Biruta, to formally update each other on progress since the signing of the landmark Migration and Economic Development Partnership.

The engagement came five weeks after they formally signed the agreement in the Rwandan capital Kigali, which set out a bold, ground-breaking international plan to help address the global migration crisis.

The ministers updated each other on developments since the signing and discussed progress on operationalising the agreement.

The Home Secretary noted that the first tranche of illegal migrants with no right to be in the UK have now been notified of the government's intention to relocate them to Rwanda.

She also commended Dr. Biruta and the Rwandan Government on all the hard preparatory work being done in advance of their hosting the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting next month.

Today's meeting comes ahead of further joint engagements for both ministers, who will be travelling together to Geneva for discussions with the UNHCR and other key UN agencies, on Thursday.

Rwandan Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation, Vincent

Biruta, said:

I'm pleased to be in the UK to continue working with the Home Secretary to advance our pioneering migration partnership.

This partnership builds on Rwanda's strong record of providing safety to those fleeing danger, with our country currently providing sanctuary to over 130,000 refugees from multiple countries – including vulnerable migrants evacuated from Libya, Afghanistan and neighbours like the DRC and Burundi.

These programmes have seen Rwanda work with international partners such as the African Union and the UNHCR and others, to provide safety, dignity and opportunity to those in need.

Home Secretary Priti Patel said:

I am proud of the partnership agreed between our two countries, which aims to break the people smugglers' business model and prevent further loss of life in the English Channel, while ensuring protection for the genuinely vulnerable.

We are pushing ahead with delivering this world-leading plan which epitomises the kind of international approach that is required to tackle an international challenge like the migration crisis.

I look forward to meeting UNHCR representatives with Minister Biruta this week, as we continue the vital conversation on illegal migration and the importance of global cooperation.

Following this meeting with the Home Secretary, Dr. Biruta and his wider delegation fulfilled engagements with other counterparts in the British Government, including ministers at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.