

UK Special Envoy to Sudan and South Sudan visits Egypt

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The meeting was also attended by Assistant Foreign Minister for African Affairs Osama Shaltout and Deputy to the British Ambassador in Egypt Neerav Patel.

During the meeting, both sides reaffirmed that the UK and Egypt are strong supporters of a stable and prosperous Sudan, and will continue to stand together to support the Sudanese authorities in creating a better future for the Sudanese people.

Earlier this year during his visit to Sudan, British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab announced the UK's contribution of £40 million to the Sudan Family Support Programme, helping support Sudanese communities while critical economic reforms are implemented.

The UK has also pledged over \$175m this year in response to people's needs in South Sudan.

UK Special Envoy to Sudan and South Sudan, Robert Fairweather, said:

It is fantastic to be here in Egypt, and to have the opportunity to discuss the important issue of peace and stability in the region. The UK is keen to see the Juba Peace Agreement implemented, and we look forward to cooperating with Egypt and providing the support necessary to make a complete transition to peace possible.

Before arriving in Cairo, Fairweather visited Khartoum and met with Sudanese Prime Minister Hamdok to express the UK's intent to provide a £330m bridging loan to clear Sudan's arrears with the African Development Bank. He also met with Deputy Head of the Sudanese Sovereign Council, General Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, to discuss transitional justice and the situation in South Sudan,

among other important issues.

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