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Press release

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Following the Presidential Elections in Tanzania on 28 October 2020, Minister for Africa, James Duddridge, has made a statement.

Minister for Africa, James Duddridge said:

As a longstanding supporter of Tanzania, the UK is concerned by widespread allegations of interference in the country's elections, including pre-filled ballot boxes and party agents being denied entry to polling stations. We are also deeply troubled by the reports of violence and heavy-handed policing in the elections, including the arrest of opposition political leaders.

Tanzania's future stability and prosperity require a credible democratic process, underpinned by a free media. We join others in calling for a transparent investigation by the electoral authorities into reported irregularities, and for all involved, including the security forces, to act with restraint to ensure the peaceful resolution of tensions.

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