

# Sudan: Quad statement, November 2021

Press release

The UK, US, UAE and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have issued a Quad statement to support the people of Sudan aspirations for a democratic and peaceful nation.



The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, the United States of America, and the United Kingdom affirm their countries' stance with the people of Sudan and emphasize the importance of supporting their aspirations for a democratic and peaceful nation. The protests of October 30 demonstrated the depth of the Sudanese people's commitment to advancing their country's transition, and we remain committed to helping them achieve these aspirations.

We endorse the international community's serious concern with the situation in Sudan. We call for the full and immediate restoration of its civilian-led transitional government and institutions. We call upon all parties to strive for cooperation and unity in reaching this critical objective. In that vein we encourage the release of all those detained in connection with recent events and the lifting of the state of emergency. Violence has no place in the new Sudan, on this point we encourage an effective dialogue between all parties, and we urge all to ensure that the peace and security for the people of Sudan is a top priority.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, and the United Kingdom also stress the importance of the commitment to the Constitutional Document and the Juba Peace Agreement as the foundation for further dialogue about how to restore and uphold a genuine civil-military partnership for the remainder of the transitional period, pending elections. This will help ensure Sudan reaches political stability and economic recovery so that it is able to continue the transitional period with the support of Sudan's friends and international partners.

## **Reino Unido simplifica condiciones de viaje para costarricenses vacunados**

A partir del 1 de noviembre, las personas nacionales y residentes de Costa Rica que cuentan con un certificado de vacunación con código QR emitido por el Ministerio de Salud de ese país, y que no hayan pasado por un país en la lista roja en los 10 días antes de su llegada, pueden entrar a Inglaterra sin tener que auto aislarse.

Los requisitos para viajar a Inglaterra dependen de si las personas cuentan con un esquema de vacunación completa o no.

Para calificar como una persona con un esquema de vacunación completo para viajar a Inglaterra, se requiere probar el estado de vacunación con el esquema completo de [una vacuna aprobada por el Gobierno Británico](#).

En el caso de las personas nacionales y residentes de Costa Rica, se solicitará el certificado de vacunación con código QR emitido por el Ministerio de Salud de dicho país.

### **Antes de viajar a Inglaterra – si se tiene esquema de vacunación completo**

Antes de viajar a Inglaterra, se debe:

Puede elegir si se realiza una prueba de flujo lateral o una prueba PCR. Usted deberá adjuntar su número de referencia para la prueba COVID-19 en el formulario de pasajeros y pasajeras. Si viajará a Inglaterra por un periodo menor a 2 días, de igual forma deberá de reservar y pagar por la prueba COVID-19 para el segundo día su llegada.

### **Al llegar a Inglaterra – con esquema de vacunación completo**

Posterior a su llegada a Inglaterra, debe someterse a una prueba de COVID-19 antes de finalizar el día 2 desde su entrada al país. El día de su llegada será contemplado como el día 0.

Usted debe [reservar su cita para la prueba](#) antes del viaje.

### **Si el resultado de la prueba es positivo – prueba de flujo lateral**

Si usted reservó para una prueba de flujo lateral y el resultado es positivo, [debe realizarse una prueba PCR adicional](#) para confirmar el resultado. [Debe](#)

[auto aislarse](#) hasta tener el resultado de la prueba PCR.

Si el resultado de la prueba PCR es positiva, deberá auto aislarse por 10 días. El día que se realizó la prueba de flujo lateral se cuenta como día 0. Se podrá requerir que, adicionalmente, miembros de su familia deban aislarse.

### **Si el resultado de la prueba es positivo – prueba PCR**

Si la prueba que usted reserve es PCR y el resultado es positivo, [debe auto aislarse](#) por un periodo de 10 días. El día en que se tomó la prueba cuenta como día 0. Se podrá solicitar que, adicionalmente, miembros de su familia deban aislarse.

También se puede viajar a Inglaterra aún si no cuenta con el esquema de vacunación completo, pero [deberá seguir reglas diferentes](#).

Los lineamientos para viajar a Gales, Escocia e Irlanda del Norte son distintos y pueden ser consultados en los siguientes enlaces:

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## **[Bird flu – Latest media updates: All poultry and captive birds must now be housed until further notice](#)**

### **Current situation**

All poultry and captive birds must be housed in England until further notice, following an increase in the number of detections of avian influenza in wild birds and on commercial premises.

Bird keepers are required to shut their birds indoors and implement strict biosecurity measures to help protect their flocks from the threat of avian influenza, regardless of whatever type or size. Introducing these steps on farm is the most effective way in reducing the risk of disease spreading. The disease could kill your birds if these actions aren't taken.

The housing measures build on the strengthened biosecurity measures that were brought in as part of the Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ) in October 2022. The AIPZ means that all bird keepers need to take extra precautions, such as restricting access for non-essential people on site, ensuring workers change clothing and footwear before entering bird enclosures and cleaning and disinfecting vehicles regularly to limit the risk of the disease spreading.

The UK has faced its largest ever outbreak of bird flu with over 200 cases confirmed across the country since late October 2021. Check the list of [confirmed avian influenza cases](#).

These measures will remain in place until further notice, and will be kept under regular review as part of the government's work to monitor and manage the risks of avian influenza.

The wild bird risk across Great Britain has increased from high to very high and the risk to poultry with stringent biosecurity remains at medium. The risk to poultry with poor biosecurity is still considered high, in light of the increased number of infected premises observed during September and October and the distance of some of these, as well as wild bird cases, from the coast. All bird keepers must now follow enhanced measures at all times to prevent the risk of future outbreaks.

Dr Christine Middlemiss, the UK's Chief Veterinary Officer, said:

We are seeing a growing number of bird flu cases on commercial farms and in backyard birds across the country driven by high levels of disease within wild birds. Unfortunately we expect the number of cases to continue to rise over the coming months as migratory birds return to the UK, bringing with them further risk of disease that can spread into our kept flocks.

We're taking action already by implementing a national Avian Influenza Prevention Zones and housing order, but it is important that all bird keepers – wherever they are in the country – ensure that cleanliness and hygiene are at the forefront of their minds to keep their flocks safe and limit the impact of the outbreak.

Public health advice remains that the risk to human health from the virus is very low and food standards bodies advise that avian influenzas pose a very low food safety risk for UK consumers. Do not touch or pick up any dead or sick birds that you find and instead report them to the Defra helpline on 03459 33 55 77. There is no impact on the consumption of properly cooked poultry products, including eggs.

All poultry gatherings, including at fairs, shows and markets, remain banned, due to a large number of flocks mixing together and the risk posed by any infections spreading across the country.

Avian influenza is in no way connected to the COVID-19 pandemic, which is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus and is not carried in poultry or captive birds.

## **Advice to poultry keepers**

All bird keepers must keep a close watch on them for signs of disease and maintain good biosecurity at all times. If you have any concerns about the health of your birds, seek prompt advice from your vet.

All bird keepers (whether they are pet birds, a commercial farm or just a few birds in a backyard flock) must remain vigilant and help prevent avian

influenza by:

- housing or netting all poultry and captive birds
- cleanse and disinfect clothing, footwear, equipment and vehicles before and after contact with poultry and captive birds – if practical, use disposable protective clothing
- reduce the movement of people, vehicles or equipment to and from areas where poultry and captive birds are kept, to minimise contamination from manure, slurry and other products, and use effective vermin control
- keep records of mortality, movement of poultry and poultry products and any changes in production
- thoroughly clean and disinfect housing on a continuous basis
- keep fresh disinfectant at the right concentration at all farm and poultry housing entry and exit points
- minimise direct and indirect contact between poultry and captive birds and wild birds, including making sure all feed and water is not accessible to wild birds
- prevent access by poultry to ponds and watercourses and ensure that birds are kept in fenced or enclosed areas

It is a legal requirement for bird keepers in the national AIPZ to take these biosecurity measures.

See our [biosecurity advice](#) for more information.

Avian influenza (bird flu) is a [notifiable animal disease](#). If you suspect any type of avian influenza in poultry or captive birds you must report it immediately by calling the Defra Rural Services Helpline on 03000 200 301. In Wales, contact 0300 303 8268. In Scotland, contact [your local Field Services Office](#). Failure to do so is an offence.

## Cases in England

For details of the current avian influenza H5N1 cases in England and the measures that apply in the disease control zones around these cases, see the [avian influenza: cases and disease control zones in England guidance](#).

Check if you are in a zone on our [interactive map](#).

## Wild birds

The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) carries out year-round avian influenza surveillance of dead wild birds submitted via public reports and warden patrols.

You should call the Defra helpline (03459 33 55 77) if you find:

- one or more dead bird of prey or owl
- 3 or more dead gulls or wild waterfowl (swans, geese and ducks)
- 5 or more dead birds of any species

APHA then collect some of these birds and test them to help us understand how the disease is distributed geographically and in different types of bird, not all birds will be collected.

Do not touch or pick up any dead or visibly sick birds that you find. For further information see our [advice to the public](#).

For further details see the report (updated weekly) of [findings of HPAI in wild birds in Great Britain](#) and our [outbreak assessments](#).

Sick or injured wild birds should not be reported to the Defra Helpline. Instead Sick birds should be reported in England and Wales to the RSPCA (0300 1234 999) and in Scotland to the SSPCA (0300 999 999) who dependent on the situation may be able to offer assistance.

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## [£18 million to help level up communities across Scotland](#)

The Community Renewal Fund will pilot new programmes that invest in people, boost skills and support local business – to build more communities that people are proud to call home.

The £200 million Fund is supporting almost 500 projects in towns, villages and coastal communities across the whole United Kingdom to ensure that no place is left behind as the UK Government delivers on its commitment to level up the country.

Many of the successful projects are supporting the UK's path to net zero carbon emissions, giving businesses creating clean technology a boost and ensuring that jobs are future proof. For example, £407,000 will create a Seaweed Academy in Argyll and Bute, providing training and education in seaweed farming. This money will help supercharge regional growth in an industry which has a crucial role to play in the UK's net zero ambitions.

Other projects being funded include:

- £979,710 for Dumfries and Galloway to develop an investment-ready plan for a carbon-neutral '21st Century Village', with 470 smart, adaptable new homes.
- £218,739 to fund employment and wellbeing initiatives for housing association residents in the Scottish Borders. This will offer residents digital skills, financial literacy, and mental health support.

- £503,880 for North Lanarkshire to give the local community practical and personal development support on their doorstep to help them into employment.
- £306,000 to fund street performances and culture festivals in Aberdeen city centre, placing artists at the heart of the city's recovery from the pandemic and creating employment and training opportunities in Aberdeen's creative industries.
- £306,000 to provide skills training to 16-24 year olds in Inverclyde to help them secure employment.
- £187,272 to support the development of electric vehicle charging across the whole of the Scottish Borders to benefit residents, the public sector and businesses and ensure maximisation of commercial opportunities and reduction in carbon footprint.

Secretary of State for Levelling Up Michael Gove said:

As we unite and level up the whole United Kingdom, we are determined to help communities the length and breadth of the country make the most of their talents and create new opportunities in their areas.

The funding we are announcing today supports local projects across Scotland, from the Borders to Na h-Eileanan Siar, which will create new jobs and help us to achieve net zero carbon emissions.

Secretary of State for Scotland Alister Jack said:

It's great to see the UK Government's efforts to level up all parts of the United Kingdom continue at pace.

This £18 million for 56 projects will help strengthen communities across Scotland. From helping to develop a 21st Century carbon-neutral village, to boosting skills, employment and enterprise, encouraging tourism, supporting performing arts and investment in cyber and digital – this money is being spent on projects that matter most to people.

Combined with the money announced at Budget and our region deals funding, the UK Government is investing more than £1.7 billion into Scottish projects – levelling up communities by working in partnership with local organisations to build on regional strengths.

This is real devolution in action which will help local areas

thrive as we build back better, stronger and greener from the pandemic.

Local authorities were invited to bid for funding from the Community Renewal Fund in May 2021.

The £200 million funding through the UK Community Renewal Fund will help local areas prepare for the launch of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in 2022, the scheme that will see UK-wide funding at least match EU money, reaching around £1.5 billion a year.

In last week's Budget, the UK Government announced investment of more than £173 million directly into communities in Scotland, through the Levelling Up and Community Ownership funds, for big regeneration projects and smaller community initiatives.

The full list of projects in Scotland is represented on [this map](#).

[Further information is available on all three funds](#), the Community Renewal Fund, the Community Ownership Fund and the Levelling Up Fund, including the full lists of successful bids

The [published methodology](#) used to identify places in need of funding is also available.

Investment from EU Structural Funds will continue to be spent by local areas until 2023 and the Government has committed to at least matching EU receipts through the new UK Shared Prosperity Fund, on average reaching around £1.5 billion a year.

This new Fund, to be launched in 2022, will operate throughout the UK and play a part in uniting and levelling up the whole country.

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## [UK's flagship green investment programme receives £66 million funding increase](#)

Mobilising Institutional Capital Through Listed Product Structures ([MOBILIST](#)), the UK's flagship programme to mobilise large scale investment through publicly listed markets, received a £66 million funding boost today at COP26 in Glasgow.

The £66 million additional funding will be used to support new products as they are developed through open competition to support people in developing countries better access international capital markets to fund the



infrastructure, technology and businesses they need to manage climate change and boost growth. When we help countries grow through enterprise and trade, and finance clean infrastructure, we create freer countries and freer people.

[Launched](#) in February 2021, the MOBILIST programme invited the private sector to participate in a competition to identify innovative product proposals to mobilise investment in sustainable infrastructure in emerging and developing countries.

In a speech at COP26, the Chancellor of the Exchequer also announced the winners of investment products identified through the first round that will deliver new investment at scale for clean, and reliable infrastructure, including renewable energy.

The 5 competition finalists are:

- Chapel Hill Denham Management Limited (Africa Infrastructure Equity Fund)
- FirstRand Bank Limited and UN Capital Development Fund (Exchange Listed Investment Platform for Sustainable Infrastructure Securitization)
- InfraCo Africa and Helios Investment Partners (The Climate Fund)
- The Development Guarantee Group Limited (The Green Guarantee Company)
- ThomasLloyd Group Limited (ThomasLloyd Energy Impact Trust plc)

Today, the Chancellor has confirmed the FCD0's MOBILIST competition has an in-principle decision to make the following contributions:

- to invest up to £25 million in the ThomasLloyd Energy Impact Trust at the time of IPO and subject to completion of due diligence. This will be the first ever emerging markets renewable energy product to list of the London Stock Exchange, investing exclusively in a diversified portfolio of unlisted sustainable energy infrastructure assets in fast-growing and emerging economies in South and South East Asia, and
- to invest in the InfraCo – Helios CLEAR (Climate, Energy Access and Resilience) Fund, subject to completion of the design of the vehicle and completion of due diligence. This will be the first ever pan-African climate-focussed listed fund supporting the Global Goals and responding to the UK government's commitment to support developing countries to meet the challenges and opportunities of climate change. It is anticipated that the Fund will initially be established as a private vehicle but designed and capitalised with a view to listing the vehicle within 3 years of final close, and
- the UK government is engaging in a joint endeavour to support The Green Guarantee Company (GGC), with 2 partners; the Green Climate Fund which is providing Project Preparation Facility (PPF) funding to develop GGC and its climate investment policy and; the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation in potentially providing support to GGC. This innovative guarantee company will issue guarantees to enable

developing country borrowers to raise financing through green bonds listed on the London Stock Exchange and elsewhere, supporting developing economies access climate finance more easily from new sources at scale

Also announced today, the UK and US governments intend to work together to establish a new collaboration to mobilise private finance and to support developing countries in accessing capital markets in London and New York, the 2 premier global finance centres.

This collaboration will be centred on MOBILIST and on USAID's longstanding institutional investor programme under the US government's 'Prosper Africa' initiative.

We also welcome today the start of a UK-Norway strategic collaboration on MOBILIST, with the intention that the Norwegian Agency of Development Assistance commit up to £3 million in the form of technical assistance grants to support MOBILIST competition participants.

- MOBILIST has been endorsed as a Catalytic Initiative by the CEO Principals of the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ), the global coalition of leading financial institutions committed to accelerating the decarbonisation of the economy, chaired by Mark Carney the UN Special Envoy on Climate Action and Finance and anchored in the UN's Race to Zero campaign
- the UK supported Investing in a [Better World Report](#) found that 56% of people are interested in making responsible and impactful investments, 25% of respondents indicated that they would be open to some of their money being invested in Africa
- with the new financing announced today MOBILIST will now run a series of new competitions to grow even further the innovative new products that will be taken through to listings on stock exchanges – helping to match developing country needs with the ambitions of savers to do good
- the financing from UK Aid will be used to help catalyse billions more in finance. The financing raised will deliver climate finance and help drive investment in sustainable infrastructure in developing countries
- we continue to work with competition finalists Chapel Hill Denham Management Limited and FirstRand Bank Limited/ UN Capital Development Fund who remain fully part of the MOBILIST Competition