

Foreign Secretary statement on updated travel advice for Iran



Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said:

Given the body of information that UIA Flight 752 was shot down by an Iranian Surface to Air Missile, and the heightened tensions, we are now advising British nationals not to travel to Iran. We also recommend against taking a flight to, from and within Iran.

We urgently need a full and transparent investigation to establish what caused the crash.

Our thoughts are with the families of the victims, including the four British nationals who lost their lives.

Further information

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Youth Mobility Scheme 2020 for Taiwanese Youth

This will be split into two ballots, one in January and one in July, A total of 800 applicants will be selected for the first ballot in January 2020. The second ballot in July 2020 will be opened for the remainder of places. If your application is successful you will be able to live, work and study in

the UK for up to 2 years.

How to apply

If you would like to apply for the scheme you should send one email (only) to: TaiwanYMS2020.BallotRequest@fco.gov.uk between Monday 27 January 2020, 12:00 pm (Taiwan time) to Wednesday 29 January 2020, 12:00 pm (Taiwan time). The email header or subject line must contain your name, date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY) and passport number as shown in your passport. This must be written in English only. For example: WU Janice – 31/01/1995 – Passport 123456789.

In the main text of your email you should include the following and must be written in English only:

- Name;
- Date of birth;
- Passport Number;
- Mobile phone number.

The email account will be open for 48 hours only and all emails received within this timeframe will be sent an automated reply confirming receipt.

When the email account has closed, the 800 applicants will be chosen at random by UKVI. A second email will be sent to you no later than Wednesday 5 February 2020 if you have been chosen to apply. This email will confirm acceptance and further instructions on how to make an application and appointment, along with documentary evidence required to apply for your entry clearance. Please note successful applicants must prepare on-line applications and on-line credit card payments no later than 30 March 2020. Failure to submit your payment on-line by this date will automatically remove your name from the list and your allocation will be retracted. After you have paid on-line you have 90 days to submit your paperwork for consideration.

If you are a Taiwanese national living overseas you can also apply following the instructions above, and if you are chosen to apply you will be able to do so in your country/territory of residence. Applications cannot be submitted for the Youth Mobility Scheme in the UK. An email will be sent to unsuccessful customers on Friday 7 February 2020 to inform them they have not been chosen and that no further action is required.

FAQ

Please read the 2019 Youth Mobility Scheme 2nd ballot Q&A

Youth Mobility Scheme 2020 for Japanese nationals

There are 1000 places in total available to Japanese nationals in 2020. This will be split into two ballots, one in January and one in July. A total of 800 applicants will be selected for the first ballot in January 2020. The second ballot in July 2020 will be opened for the remainder of places. If your application is successful you will be able to live, work and study in the UK for up to 2 years.

If you would like to apply for the scheme you should send one email (only) to: JapanYMS2020.BallotRequest@fco.gov.uk between Monday 27 January 2020, 12:00 pm (Japan time) to Wednesday 29 January 2020, 12:00 pm (Japan time). The email header or subject line must contain your name, date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY) and passport number as shown in your passport. This must be written in English only. For example: SUZUKI Miyu – 31/01/1995 – Passport 123456789.

In the main text of your email you should include the following and must be written in English only:

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- Date of birth;
- Passport Number;
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If you are a Japanese national living overseas you can also apply following the instructions above, and if you are chosen to apply you will be able to do so in your country of residence. Applications cannot be submitted for the Youth Mobility Scheme in the UK. An email will be sent to unsuccessful customers on Friday 7 February 2020 to inform them they have not been chosen and that no further action is required.

Foreign Secretary speech: UK & Canada

Francois-Philippe thank you very much for your very warm welcome. I'm pleased to be back in Canada for a second time since my appointment.

First thing I needed to do is offer condolences to the people of Canada, particularly the families as they grieve for those who died tragically in yesterday's Ukrainian international airlines crash as well, of course, as the UK victims and all of those who perished.

We mourn their loss and our thoughts are with all of their families and their loved ones at such a difficult time.

We agree with the Canadian assessment that indicates that Canadian international airlines flight was shot down by a surface to air missile, as François-Philippe said, it may well have been unintentional.

Our view on the crash underlines why we urgently now need an independent, full and transparent investigation to establish what caused it. The Iranian regime must open up to the international community including access to the crash site, so we can get the truth as quickly as possible and give the families of the victims an understanding of what happened to their loved ones. The families of the victims deserve to know the truth and we say that whether they are Canadian families, British families, Ukrainian families, Swedish, German, and, let us not forget, Iranian families because they've suffered the greatest loss of life in this terrible incident and they deserve to know the truth too.

Now, this is my second visit to Canada in my time as Foreign Secretary and that's because I consider Canada one of our very closest of friends and of course it's a tragic moment and I wouldn't have wanted to come back for a second time ideally in such circumstances but would always want to be by the side of our Canadian friends in their hour of need.

We are bound by our common values, our shared history and the precious relationship between our peoples. And I look no further to the great city of Montreal. We're proud your flag bears the Scottish thistle, English rose, and the Irish shamrock alongside the fleur de lys and the white pine.

Our countries stand together to ensure peace and prosperity right around the world. And we're committed to ensuring that when we leave the EU, this relationship, this friendship, goes from strength to strength.

We know that trade between the UK and Canada increased by 14% last year. Foreign Direct Investment is rising too, around 140 British companies have made their home Quebec, including HSBC and Rolls-Royce.

At the same time, we feel honoured that over 100 Quebec companies have made a

home in the UK in sectors as diverse as IT consulting to aerospace.

But let me just say we value everything that the Canadian entrepreneurs, the workers, the citizens in the UK contribute to our country.

So there's no wonder we feel strongly about strengthening our trading relationship post-Brexit and together we've already put in measures in place to ensure continuity and certainty of trade between our countries, as the UK leaves the EU. And beyond the Implementation Period, we want to see the strongest possible commercial relationship so that our business can continue to thrive on both sides of the Atlantic.

But our friendship is also about our leadership on the global stage as champions of peace and security. We stand shoulder to shoulder together as an ally, and that is a timely reminder of why that alliance is so important.

At NATO back in December, Francois Philippe, we were reflecting on seven years of stability, solidarity, and peace. And in a changing world of rapidly evolving threats we know that alliances like NATO are now more important than ever.

Canada's contribution has always been absolutely, a crucial element of NATO. We've got British troops leading NATO's deployment in Estonia and just next door Canadian forces are taking up that responsibility in Latvia. We warmly welcome Canada's increasing commitment to the NATO readiness initiative in December and your choice of BAE's systems and Lockheed Martin's design for the next generation of Canadian warships.

I think these are just examples, illustrations if you like, of the deep bond of trust we have with each other and how we stand together in defence of our shared democratic values.

So Canada is a truly treasured and unique friend to the United Kingdom. In fact, you're the only country that sits alongside the UK in NATO, the G7, G20, the Commonwealth and the Five Eyes intelligence agency.

So against the bedrock of our alliance today, we talked about the our shared concern around the situation in Iraq and Iran. I think we all agree, war in the Middle East would only benefit Daesh and the other terrorist groups. We condemn the attack on Iraqi military bases hosting Coalition including British forces, and we urge Iran not to repeat the reckless and dangerous attacks and rather pursue the urgent de-escalation and return to diplomatic dialogue.

And of course our joint mission in the world is not confined to our shared security or indeed trade. It's about our joint mission in the world as a force for good. And as we leave the EU, a crucial part of the UK's engagement as a truly Global Britain, will be based in our role as global good citizen.

We know that we share that that same instinct and those same values with Canada and the Canadian people. So we welcome Canada's pledge to reach net-zero emissions by 2050 and we look forward to working very closely with you on the planning for COP26 and the Global UN Climate Change talks which we're

delighted to host in Glasgow this year, as we look to build a more resilient and more sustainable future for our children and for the next generation.

In 2017, Canada and the UK launched the Powering Past Coal Alliance, bringing together governments, businesses, international organizations in making a point to phase out unabated coal power generation.

And finally, Francois-Philippe, we have both spent time working in the Hague, another thing we have in common. And so we know first-hand how important it is to stand together in support of human rights and the rule of law around the world.

I'm looking forward to continuing the good work our countries are doing together on promoting and safeguarding Media Freedom, including the prize that Francois-Philippe has just announced. Last summer the UK and Canada brought together 1500 representatives from over 100 countries for the world's first global conference on Media Freedom in London.

And it's led by our two countries that we're working with partners around the world to create legislative protections for journalists, to provide resources for journalists who find themselves at risk and to increase the accountability for those who threaten the media, the journalists, who speak truth to power.

And in the same spirit, we look to Canada which has been at the forefront of developing the Magnitsky-style mode of human rights sanctions, which are imposed against those responsible for the very worst human rights abuses. These sanctions are a powerful new tool to hold the world's killers and torturers to account and keep human rights abuses and their blood money out of our respective countries.

Once we leave the EU, the UK will establish our own human rights sanctions regime, inspired very much by the Canadian model. And we look forward to collaborating with Canada on human rights sanctions and ultimately above all, to defend the values that our two countries share.

In just a few weeks time, when the UK leaves the EU, we will be able to forge an even stronger relationship with one of our most trusted allies and friends.

So Francois-Philippe, thank you for being such an early and energetic friend as we engage in that endeavour. I look forward to working together with you for the benefit of the people of our two countries.

Thank you very much.

New reporting requirement for obliged entities comes into force



The Fifth Anti-Money Laundering Directive (5MLD) comes into force today and introduces the requirement for obliged entities to report certain information discrepancies to Companies House.

From 10 January 2020, all obliged entities must [tell Companies House if there's a discrepancy](#) between the information that they hold about a beneficial owner and information on the Companies House people with significant control (PSC) register.

The requirement extends to any obliged entity required to carry out customer due diligence under anti-money laundering regulations. These entities include banks, financial institutions and credit reference agencies, among others.

Discrepancies must be reported if there's a material difference between the 2 sets of information. Companies House will investigate these discrepancies and, if necessary, contact the company.

Head of PSC Compliance at Companies House Lee Robins said:

Organisations subject to anti-money laundering regulations will already be familiar with the steps they need to take in order to achieve compliance.

However, these entities must now report any fundamental differences between beneficial ownership information held by a client and the details on the Companies House PSC register.

This will bolster the measures we've already taken to improve the integrity of our PSC data.

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