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To: All MPs

Dear Colleague,

CONSULAR SUPPORT FOR BRITISH NATIONALS IN AFGHANISTAN

You will have been as concerned as I have been to see the latest news from Afghanistan. I know that many of you will have received inquiries from British national and their dependents who are in Afghanistan. I wanted to write to set out the support that the Government is providing to them.

We have advised against travel to all of Afghanistan except Kabul for several years and have been advising all British nationals to leave the country since 21 April. On 6 August, we advised all remaining British nationals to leave immediately by commercial means. However, over the weekend commercial airlines ceased operations.

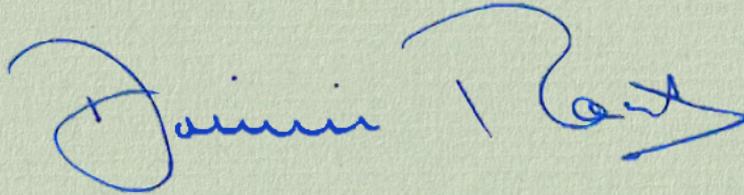
Since the security situation further deteriorated, we have been getting UK nationals out of Afghanistan on charter flights. Further flights will follow over the coming days. Over the weekend we flew out more than 180 UK nationals and their dependents from Afghanistan. Our Ambassador and a small team are in country, and we are reinforcing that team so that we can help those British nationals that are able to leave the country. The provision of travel documentation and visa waivers is being coordinated from our Crisis Centre in London.

British nationals still in the country that have not already registered with the FCDO should contact us on +44 (0)1908 516666 and select the option “Consular services for British nationals”. They can also email help@fco.gov.uk. All those who register with us will be contacted by one of our consular staff and we will contact British nationals who we have details for as soon as flights from Kabul are confirmed. This phone number and the email address are monitored 24/7 by consular officers in the network.

MPs with constituents who are seeking urgent assistance can call the consular MP hotline number on 020 7008 0999, or write to the normal email address (fcdo.correspondence@fcdo.gov.uk) putting ‘urgent consular’ in the subject line. This is not a public number, and should not be shared with constituents.

If MPs are receiving inquiries on behalf of those **Afghan nationals who have worked for the UK Government** and are being assisted under the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy, cases should be emailed to the MoD on localstaff-afghanistan@mod.gov.uk. The Defence Secretary will be writing to colleagues shortly on this.

We are also working urgently to see what assistance we can provide for **Afghan nationals who have not worked directly for the UK** but have supported UK objectives in Afghanistan and make be at risk as a result. MPs are asked to send any related cases to afghanspecialcases@fcdo.gov.uk. The Prime Minister and the Home Secretary will set out further details on a bespoke offer to Afghans shortly.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Dominic Raab". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a stylized 'R'.

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