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Situation in Balochistan:

I believe that enforced disappearances are very worrying, and I understand this is a matter the UK Government has raised with its counterparts in Pakistan. The UK Government has also stated that it regularly discusses the security situation, respect for human rights and upholding the rule of law in Pakistan at a senior level with the relevant authorities. Where there are credible allegations of human rights violations, I want to see these fully investigated in line with due process.

I understand the UK Government has also provided support to people in Pakistan affected by conflict, including in Balochistan, through the Multi-Year Humanitarian Programme, which covers both immediate relief and early recovery interventions for shelter, food and non-food items, water and sanitation, and livelihood and protection needs.

More widely, I support a foreign policy that is grounded in securing the rights of people across the world and ensuring that the UK plays a crucial international role in advocating for the rule of law.

In particular, when it comes to human rights, we must consistently put them at the heart of our international policies, working with others and not lagging behind. We stand at a crossroads, and we must use every tool at our diplomatic and legal disposal to counter the rise of human rights abuses globally.

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