
UK FOREIGN SECRETARY'S VISIT TO CENTRAL ASIA AND MONGOLIA: AN URGENT TO-DO LIST

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U.K. Foreign Secretary David Cameron arrived in Uzbekistan on March 22 as part of a five-day tour of Central Asia and Mongolia. He started in Tajikistan on April 22, followed by Kyrgyzstan as he discusses expanding U.K. cooperation with the countries of Central Asia.

The visit serves a dual purpose. First, Cameron will underscore the need to minimize sanction circumvention by dual-use materials that may end up in Russia via Central Asia. Second, he seeks to further explore regional and bilateral engagements as well as expanding commercial relationships with key export partners in the region: Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan.

Camerons trip will see him become the first British foreign secretary to visit Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan and the first to visit Uzbekistan since 1997.

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