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# Iran satellite launch - FCDO Statement

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office has released a statement in response to Iran launching the Noor-III satellite on 27 September.

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FCDO spokesperson said:

“ On 27 September Iran announced the successful launch of the Noor-III satellite using the Qased Space Launch Vehicle which uses

technology essential for the development of a long-range ballistic missile system. Iran has taken this action despite repeated calls from the UN Security Council to halt its ballistic-missile programme. Iran's actions further prove its disregard of international restrictions and highlight the grave threat posed by the regime to global security.

“ Alongside partners, the UK remains committed to taking every diplomatic step to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons and to hold the regime to account for its malign activity around the world.”

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