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As the Foreign Secretary said yesterday, preventing foreign citizens from leaving Kuwait and Iraq is illegal and is the tactic of the outlaw down the ages.

Any attempt to enforce this threat would be completely unacceptable and contrary to all norms of international behaviour .

We will continue to work for freedom of movement for foreign nationals and for their freedom to leave Iraq and Kuwait.

We will not be satisfied until there is a safe and orderly evacuation of those who wish to leave.

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