

# Tánaiste Coveney Condemns Chemical Weapons Nerve Agent Attack in UK

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- Ireland condemns the attack which took place in the UK on 4 March*
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Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Simon Coveney T.D. has expressed grave concern over the use of a chemical weapons nerve agent in an incident on 4 March in the UK.

The Tánaiste stated:

*“Ireland condemns this cowardly attack which has taken place on our neighbour’s soil. The use of chemical*

*weapons, including the use of any toxic weapons, is unacceptable and abhorrent. The incident in Salisbury represents a disturbing violation of international law and goes against norms which have long been established. We join many states in supporting the UK's efforts to ensure a thorough investigation so that the perpetrators of this crime can be held accountable. We offer our full support and solidarity to the UK and to the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in their efforts to seek answers and take appropriate action for this indiscriminate and reckless act."*

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