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Myanmar

Right now since the 2021 coup relations are not in a good place, with many sanctions and refusing to recognize the military regime by not appointing a full ambassador, even directly standing against the military junta.

The approach that the UK is taking focuses on humanitarian aid and collaboration with the ASEAN and the UN to find a resolution and the implementation of the so called "Five Point Consensus" that will de-escalate the violence in the country, in the meantime the UK stills bring aid to the civilian population in the form of food and healthcare

Read more

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/three-years-since-the-military-coup-in-myanmar-foreign-ministers-joint-statement>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-myanmar-development-partnership-summary/5e03323b-1bb8-4586-aa0a-a1bc397e872b>

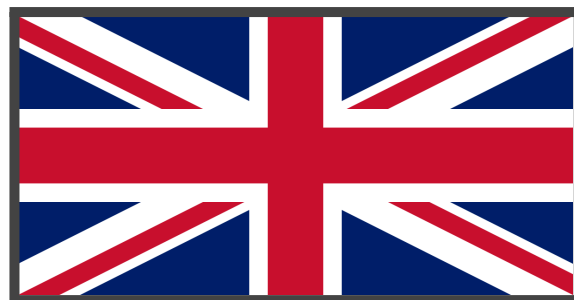
DRC

The UK is one of the biggest donors to the DRC, providing aid through its programs in response to the conflicts that are affecting the country.

Also with the support there is the economic interest, British companies have been in the mining sector of the DRC for a long time, especially in the cobalt and tin mines and also seen some possibility of involvement by some british firms being traced to funding armed groups, those being Afrimex and VestroStar
At the same time the UK still pushes by the diplomatic way for democratic elections and governance reforms.

Read more

<https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/politicsandpolicy/civil-war-in-the-congo---could-the-uk-do-more-to-foster-peace/>
<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2022-10-28/debates/0467AA9-D6BA-4B80-B255-0862876193EE/DemocraticRepublicOfCongo-UKRelations>



Lithium Triangle

The lithium triangle is extremely important because of its green energy capabilities, also holding approximately 60% of the worldwide reserve of lithium and with the UK pushing each day for more green energy it wants to secure a place in this investment, thats why its being careful with this

Chile is pushing for more state controlled lithium, while still maintaining foreign investors but at a lower rate than before

Argentina has history of not letting foreign investors freely invest in the lithium but with the new administration they are looking to make this more open and let investors into the country

Read more

<https://nationalinterest.org/feature/rising-geopolitical-importance-argentine-lithium-206446>
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