

# Foreign Secretary statement on the sentencing of Maria Kolesnikova and Maksim Znak



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Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said:

The sentencing of Maria Kolesnikova and Maksim Znak shows the Belarusian authorities continuing their assault on the defenders of democracy and freedom.

Locking up political opponents will only deepen the pariah status of the Lukashenko regime.

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