

## **Britain backs US missile attacks on Syrian air base**

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**London:** The British government has backed the United States missile strikes on a Syrian air base, terming it as an "appropriate response" to the incumbent President Bashar Assad's chemical attack earlier this week.

### **USS Porter (DDG 78) launches a tomahawk land attack missile**

In a statement, the government said that it has offered full support to US President Donald Trump's targeted assault on the base from where he said a devastating nerve agent strike on civilians was launched.

"We believe it was an appropriate response to the barbaric chemical weapons attack launched by the Syrian regime, and is intended to deter further attacks," a No 10 spokeswoman said.

"Overnight, the US has taken military action against the Syrian regime, targeting the airfield in Shayrut which was used to launch the chemical weapons attack earlier this week," the spokeswoman added.

The US has launched a military strike on a Syrian government target in retaliation for their chemical weapons attack on civilians earlier in the week, President Donald Trump told the media.

"Tonight (Thursday), I ordered a targeted military strike on the air field in Syria from where the chemical attack was launched," Trump told reporters at Mar-a-Lago.

The US had last night launched 59 cruise missiles into Syria in the first direct military attack by the country since the civil war began. The strike came in response to a chemical weapons attack that struck a town in northern Syria.

The US fired the Tomahawk missiles at the Shayrat air base in the Syrian city of Homs, from which the aircraft that carried out the chemical strikes earlier this week took off.

Trump confirmed that he ordered the unilateral military action against the Syrian government in response to gas attack that killed nearly 100, including many children and injured several hundreds.

"It is in this vital national security interest of the US to prevent and deter the spread and use of deadly chemical weapons," he said.

The attack came days after reports of a chemical weapons attack emerged from the battleground in Syria, which the West said the Syrian government should be blamed for.

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