

FOI Request 0350-15: Digest of Information

Note: All names have been redacted for employees of Tony Blair Associates and Foreign Office officials other than HMA Astana under Section 40: Personal Information.

1. E-mail from FCO Officials British Embassy Astana to FCO Officials, 13 August 2012

[Redacted: Out of scope]

The British official circles and leading media have been passed on a big request through Nazarbayev's adviser, Tony Blair, to no longer connect [redact: Section 40] with [redact: Section 40].

2. E-mail from No. 10 to FCO Officials and HMA Astana, 06 December 2012

[Redacted: out of scope] talk to [redacted:section 40] and T Blair's office.

3. E-mail from FCO Officials in British Embassy Astana to FCO Officials, 13 February 2013

[redact: out of scope]

On 28 February we would aim for the following programme elements:

- Breakfast briefing at Residence (internal).
- Meeting with staff in Embassy.
- Lunch with: [redact: Section 40] (Policy Advisory Group – Tony Blair's organisation which provides advice to the President); [redact: Section 40]
- Foreign Minister Idrissov
- State Secretary (Minister without Portfolio in the Presidential Administration, with input into foreign policy), Marat Tazhin OR Presidential Advisor on foreign affairs, Yerzhan Kazykhanov.
- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Industry and New Technology, Asset Issekeshov [redact: Section 27].

[redact: out of scope]

4. Diptel from British Embassy Astana to FCO, 01 March 2013

Diptel ASTANA (Restricted)

Foreign & Commonwealth Office Diplomatic Telegram

[Redacted: Section 27] and the Head of (Tony Blair's) Policy Advisory Group.

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5. E-mail from FCO officials to British Embassy Astana, 08 March 2013

KAZAKHSTAN: RECORD OF BREAKFAST MEETING BETWEEN BARONESS WARSJI AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER KELIMBETOV, 8 MARCH 2013 AT 08:00 Hrs.

[redact: out of scope]

They had a number of international advisers such as Tony Blair guiding them.

[redact: out of scope]

6. E-mail from UKTI officials to HMA Astana, 15 August 2013

Key Kazakhstan HE Institutions

- The Kazakh British Technical University (KBTU) was founded in 2001 and former PM, Tony Blair is still a Patron of the University. The University focuses on delivering Oil and Gas, Chemical, Engineering and, IT courses with Robert Gordon, Westminster, Aberdeen and Herriot Watt Universities originally involved in the offer. However, student numbers are falling due to the attractions of the Bolashak overseas scholarship scheme. KBTU is currently working with the London School of Economics (LSE) from the UK to offer undergraduate programmes.

7. E-mail from HMA Astana to FCO officials in British Embassy Astana and London, 20 August 2013

I had lunch last week with [Redacted: section 40] the Policy Advisory Group (ie Tony Blair's group) – please protect his views.
[redacted: section 41]

Carolyn Browne | H M Ambassador | British Embassy

8. E-mail exchange between Tony Blair Associates and FCO Officials, 6 May 2014

From: [Redacted: s41] Tony Blair Associates
Sent: 06 May 2014 22:08
To: [Redacted s40] FCO Officials
Cc: [Redacted s40] FCO Officials
Subject: Blair/22 May - Note Verbale

Dear [Redacted: s40]

How are you doing?

Mr. Blair will be coming to Astana on 22 May, arriving around noon and departing the same evening. He will participate in one of the panels of the Astana Economic Forum. Accordingly, we would need a Note Verbale again, please.

I am also cc'ing [Redacted: s40], who has just joined our office, and who is coordinating that trip of Mr. Blair.

Yours,

[Redacted: s40]

9. E-mail exchange between Tony Blair Associates and FCO Officials, 19 August 2014

From: [Redacted: s40] Tony Blair Associates
Sent: 19 August 2014 13:01
To: [Redacted: s40] FCO Officials
Cc: [Redacted: s40] Tony Blair Associates
Subject: Note Verbale - Upcoming visit of Mr. Blair to Kazakhstan

Dear [Redacted: s40]

I hope you are doing well!

I am reaching out to you as, on 04 and 05 September, Mr. Blair will be visiting Astana, on the invitation of Prime Minister Massimov – hence we would, once again, request your support with respect to the Note Verbale required. Thanks a lot.

Yours,

[Redacted: s40]

10. E-mail exchange between FCO Officials and Tony Blair Associates, 01 April 2015

From: [Redacted: s40] FCO Official
Sent: 01 April 2015 06:40
To: [Redacted: s40] Tony Blair Associates
Subject: RE: Greetings from Astana, Kazakhstan! (Support of the G-Global project)

No problem.

From: [Redacted: s40] Tony Blair Associates
Sent: 01 April 2015 11:32
To: [Redacted: s40] FCO Official
Cc: [Redacted: s40] FCO Official
Subject: RE: Greetings from Astana, Kazakhstan! (Support of the G-Global project)

[Redacted: s40] FCO Official, thank you for forwarding this letter and email!

[Redacted: s40] Tony Blair Associates

From: [Redacted: s40] FCO Official
Sent: 01 April 2015 09:24
To: [Redacted: s40] Tony Blair Associates
Cc: [Redacted: s40] FCO Official
Subject: FW: Greetings from Astana, Kazakhstan! (Support of the G-Global project)

Dear [Redacted: s40] Tony Blair Associates

The email below was sent to the Embassy mailbox.

[Redacted: s40] FCO Official

From: [Redacted: s40] Astana Forum Mailbox

Sent: 31 March 2015 17:23

To: UK in Kazakhstan

Subject: Fwd: Greetings from Astana, Kazakhstan! (Support of the G-Global project)

*Dear [Redacted: s40], please, could you deliver a letter to **Mr. BLAIR!***

Dear Mr. BLAIR,

We hope this e-mail finds you well!

On behalf of the members of the Eurasian Economic Club of Scientists, consist of prominent scientists and international experts from more than 136 countries, let us express our sincere gratitude and appreciation!

We thank you for your participation in the VII AEF and II WAC and look forward to further cooperation on the G-Global project.

The essence of the letter:

- 1) We expect from you to support the project G-Global -initiative of President of the Republic of Kazakhstan Nursultan Nazarbayev (send a letter).
- 2) We would like you to put in the agenda of future events (forums, conferences, round tables, etc.) a discussion of prospects for implementation and promotion of the G-Global international project.

For qualitative improvement of scientific and expert base of the G-Global platform, you are kindly requested to invite your colleagues and partners to join G-Global Club of Experts for active participation in discussion and information exchange.

We express our hope for your support and cooperation.

Please respond to the letter before 10 April 2015.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Best regards,

[Redacted: s40]