



FALKLAND ISLANDS GOVERNMENT

PRESS RELEASE

Falkland Islands Legislative Assembly responds to Argentine decree

On February 16th 2010, Argentina issued a decree instructing that ships travelling from Argentina to the Falkland Islands, South Georgia or the South Sandwich islands will require a permit, issued by the Argentine authorities.

This is a move by Argentina to try and disrupt the oil drilling due to start early next week. Currently, all the supplies the industry needs are located here in the islands and drilling will commence as planned, weather permitting.

The Falkland Islands Government has every right to develop a hydrocarbons industry within our waters. The British Government has clearly stated that they support our right to develop legitimate business. The British Government have also reiterated their stance on our British sovereignty.

It is no surprise to anyone that Argentina is behaving in this way but it is nonetheless disappointing when they do.

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