



## PRIME MINISTER

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### FALKLAND ISLANDS

The Prime Minister, Mr Malcolm Fraser, said today :

"I condemn the Argentinian's invasion and occupation of the Falkland Islands in the strongest possible terms.

This use of armed force against a small and peaceful territory is a grotesque reminder of an era which we had all hoped had receded into the past.

It is an action which cares nothing for the principle of self-determination, and is contemptuous of the Charter of the United Nations which condemns coercion and the use of force as a means of settling international disputes.

The situation is already a most dangerous one, and I call upon the Argentinian Government to consider most carefully the possible consequences of its action, and to withdraw at once its armed forces from the territory they have occupied."

Mr Fraser said that he fully supported the British Government in the situation in which it had been placed.