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Richard Moore (diplomat)

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Richard Peter Moore, *CMG* (born 9 May 1963) is a British civil servant, currently the [Chief](#) of the [Secret Intelligence Service](#) (MI6) and formerly the Director General, Political, at the [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office](#),^{[1][2][3][4]} and previously the [British Ambassador to Turkey](#).^{[1][3][4]} In 2020, Moore became the first member of the [British intelligence agencies](#) to use social media publicly.

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Education [edit]

Moore attended [St George's College, Weybridge](#), an independent school in [Surrey](#).^[3] Afterwards, he studied PPE at [Worcester College, Oxford](#) where he gained a [bachelor's degree](#).^{[1][3]} He then won a [Kennedy Scholarship](#) to study at the [Kennedy School of Government](#) in [Harvard University](#).^{[1][3]} In 2007, he attended the [Stanford Executive Program](#).^{[1][3]}

Career [edit]

Moore's notable career has been in the [Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office](#) (FCDO) and in [Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service](#).^[3] He has had postings in [Vietnam](#) in 1988, [Turkey](#) in 1990 and from 1991 to 1992, [Pakistan](#) from 1995 to 1998, [Iran](#) from 1992 to 1995 and [Malaysia](#) from 2001 to 2005 where he undertook a variety of roles, including working for the [Secret Intelligence Service](#).^{[1][3][5]} He was the section head of the Security Policy Group at the [FCDO](#) from 1998 to 2001 and the Deputy Director of the Middle East from 2005 to 2008.^[3]

Moore, more recently, was Director for Programmes and Change from 2008 to 2010, and Director for Europe, Latin America and Globalization from 2010 to 2012.^{[1][3]}

Moore's first prominent appointment was as the [British Ambassador to Turkey](#). He held this post for three years, from 2014 to 2017.^{[1][3][4]} He spent a short period of time working as Deputy National Security Advisor (Intelligence, Security and Resilience) in 2018.^{[3][4]} He held the appointment of Director-General, Political in the [FCDO](#) from 2018 until August 2020.^{[1][3][4]} On the 29 July 2020, it was announced that Moore would become the [Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service](#) (MI6) in autumn 2020.^{[5][6]} He took up this position on the 1 October of the same year.^[4]

Moore was the first member of the British secret service to openly use Twitter, when on 2 October 2020 his tweets from his first day as Chief of MI6 made the news for their humorous [hashtags](#) and [emojis](#).^{[7][8]}

On 5 May 2021 Moore announced that MI6 had begun "green spying", to secretly investigate if foreign nations were genuinely keeping to their emission reduction commitments in order to tackle [climate change](#).^{[9][10]}

Personal life [edit]

Richard Moore was born in [Tripoli, Libya](#) on the 9 May 1963 to John Robert Moore and (Norah) Patricia Moore (née Buckley).^[3] In 1985, he married Margaret Patricia Isabel Martin (Maggie), with whom he has had a son and a daughter.^[3]

Moore's grandfather Jack Buckley served as a soldier of the [Irish Republican Army](#) from 1916 to 1922 in [Cork, Ireland](#), and was awarded a medal by [Sinn Féin](#) for fighting against British rule.^[11]

In his spare time, Moore enjoys: [golf](#), watching [cricket](#) and [rugby](#), [reading](#), [TV](#), [travel](#), [hiking](#), [scuba-diving](#), [Turkish carpets](#) and [porcelain](#), and visiting [historical sites](#).^{[1][3]} He is fluent in [Turkish](#).^[12]

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