

# Political Affairs Brief

*A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community*

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### UK Parliamentary Question

#### Gaza

**Lord Hylton:** To ask Her Majesty's Government whether they will ask the United Nations to send shipments containing the construction materials required by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for repairs and replacements of buildings destroyed in the conflict of 2008-09 and for necessary new schools direct to Gaza.[HL3452]

**Baroness Verma:** We believe that the most effective way of bringing construction materials into Gaza in the quantities required, without benefiting Hamas or disregarding Israel's legitimate security concerns, is via the land crossings between Israel and Gaza. To that end, we will continue to press Israel to implement in full the measures announced in June to relax movement and access restrictions on Gaza and to ensure that the full entry of materials for UN reconstruction projects is approved expeditiously.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldhansrd/text/101112w0001.htm#10111232000120>

### Foreign and Commonwealth Office

#### Foreign Secretary 'very disappointed by settlement activity in East Jerusalem'

The Foreign Secretary spoke to President Abbas today in advance of his meeting with Secretary Clinton next week. Speaking after the call the Foreign Secretary said: "I made clear to President Abbas that I was very disappointed by the settlement activity in East Jerusalem this week. However I continue to believe that the current talks offer a genuine chance to make progress, and that the priority of all parties should be returning to them as soon as possible."

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/news/latest-news/?view=News&id=67534682>

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## Relevant Legislation \*\* New or updated

### UK Parliament

#### **Daylight Saving Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/daylightsaving.html>

#### **Face Coverings (Regulation) Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/facecoveringsregulation.html>

#### **\*\* Fixed Term Parliaments Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/fixedtermparliaments.html>

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201011/cmbills/064/amend/psc0641211a.1171-1177.html>

#### **\*\* Identity Documents Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/identitydocuments.html>

Notice of amendments

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201011/ldbills/019/amend/am019-rb.htm>

#### **Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Bill**

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/parliamentaryvotingsystemandconstituencies.html>

### Scottish Parliament

#### **Certification of Death Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/58-CertDeath/index.htm>

#### **End of Life Assistance Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/38-EndLifeAssist/index.htm>

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## Consultations \*\* new or updated

#### **\*\* closes in 3 days**

**Certification of Death (Scotland) Bill** (closes 18 November 2010)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/hs/inquiries/CertificationOfDeathBill/CallForEvidence.htm>

**Equality Duty: Detailed Proposals - Consultation on Public Sector Equality Duty Draft Regulations and Order (Scotland)** (closes 26 November 2010)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/324431/0104438.pdf>

**The Future of the Citizenship Survey** (closing date 30 November 2010)

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/communities/pdf/1756366.pdf>

**Charity Commission: Proposed withdrawal of paper forms for Annual Returns, Registration applications, and forthcoming Charitable Incorporated Organisations** (closes 2 December 2010)

[http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/About us/About the Commission/ols consultation\\_intro.aspx](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/About%20us/About%20the%20Commission/ols%20consultation_intro.aspx)

**Equality Act 2010 - Performance of the Public Sector Equality Duties in Wales**  
(closes 17 December 2010)

<http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/equality/equalityact2010/?lang=en>

**Equality and Human Rights Commission: Draft Code of Practice on Further and Higher Education** (closes 31 December 2010)

[http://live.ehrc.precedenthost.co.uk/cgi-bin/generate.pl?page\\_id= sx0666i4b&save=screen](http://live.ehrc.precedenthost.co.uk/cgi-bin/generate.pl?page_id= sx0666i4b&save=screen)

**Charity Commission for England and Wales: Views on Future Strategy**  
(closes 14 January 2011)

[http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/RSS/News/pr\\_strategic\\_review.aspx](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/RSS/News/pr_strategic_review.aspx)

**Prevent Review** (closing date not stated)

<http://preventreview.homeoffice.gov.uk/>

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