

Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community
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House of Commons Written Answer

Gaza: Israel

Rosie Duffield (Labour) [144974] To ask the Prime Minister, what discussions she has had with President Erdogan of Turkey on the violence at the Gaza Border of 14 May 2018.

Theresa May: I refer the hon. Member to the press release issued on 15 May 2018 following my meeting with President Erdogan and which is available on the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-statement-with-president-erdogan>

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-05-16/144974/>

House of Lords Written Answers

Israel: Palestinians

Baroness Tonge (Non-affiliated) [HL7868] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answer by the Minister of State for the Middle East on 19 April (HC135976), what assessment they have made of the ability of an organisation that investigates complaints made regarding its own conduct to be accountable, independent and transparent.

Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon: We will judge any proposal for an investigation on its merits. We urge that any investigation be independent and transparent, its

findings be made public and, if wrongdoing is found, that those responsible be held to account.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-05-14/HL7868/>

The answer referred to above can be read at

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Israel: Palestinians

Baroness Tonge (Non-affiliated) [HL7870] To ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they are making to the government of Israel regarding reports of defence lawyers in Israel arguing that the prosecution of Israeli military personnel for illegally killing Palestinians would constitute selective enforcement of the law.

Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon: We have not raised this issue with the Israeli authorities.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-05-14/HL7870/>

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Relevant Legislation ** new or updated today

UK Parliament

European Union (Withdrawal) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/europeanunionwithdrawal.html>

Holocaust (Return of Cultural Objects) (Amendment) Bill

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2017-19/holocaustreturnofculturalobjectsamendment.html>

Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/marriageact1949amendment.html>

Organ Donation (Deemed Consent) Bill

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Consultations ** new or updated today

**** closes in 9 days**

Integrated Communities Strategy green paper (closing date 5 June 2018)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/integrated-communities-strategy-green-paper>

Measures to further improve the effectiveness of the fight against illegal content online (closing date 25 June 2018)

https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/public-consultation-measures-further-improve-effectiveness-fight-against-illegal-content-online_en

Home Education (closing date 2 July 2018)

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/school-frameworks/home-education-call-for-evidence-and-revised-dfe-a/>

Ecclesiastical exemption and guidance on scheduled monuments (closing date 13 July 2018)

<https://beta.gov.wales/ecclesiastical-exemption-and-guidance-scheduled-monuments>

Antisemitism: Survey of European Jews (closing date not stated)

<http://www.eurojews.eu/>

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