

# Political Affairs Digest

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

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#### Demonstrations: Palestinians

**Fabian Hamilton (Labour)** [149602] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, if she will ban the Al Quds march planned for Sunday 10 June as a result of the potential threat to public order.

**Nick Hurd:** The Home Secretary has no power to initiate a ban on marches. As set out in the Public Order Act 1986, section 13 prohibiting public processions, a march can only be banned where the police consider that it would result in serious public disorder and that placing restrictions or conditions on such a march – for example its duration, location and size – would not be enough to prevent this. In the London area, should this threshold be met, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner would then need to apply to the Home Secretary for consent to ban the march. No such application has been made.

We have a long-standing tradition of freedom of expression and association in this country and the Government is clear that people are free to gather to protest and express their views in public. However, the right to protest does not extend to threats and other criminal behaviour. Like all members of the public, protesters are subject to the law and should individuals cross the boundary into criminal acts including public order offences, hate crime offences including anti-Semitic or violent behaviour, the police have powers to act and I would expect them to use these robustly.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-04/149602/>

### Department for Education

#### Approaches to preventing and tackling bullying

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/715359/Approaches\\_to\\_preventing\\_and\\_tackling\\_bullying\\_-\\_case\\_studies.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/715359/Approaches_to_preventing_and_tackling_bullying_-_case_studies.pdf)

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## Holocaust

### Scottish Parliament Time for Reflection

*Time for Reflection, presented by invited external speakers to the full parliament, opens parliamentary business each week.*

**Megan Quinn (St Columba's High School, Gourock):** ... Anne Frank is a name that I am sure we are all familiar with. Today, on what would have been her 89th birthday, we celebrate Anne Frank day.

Anne Frank was a young German-Jewish refugee who hid from the Nazis during world war two. Anne's life was tragically cut short at the age of 15 in March 1945 when she died of typhus in Bergen-Belsen concentration camp. Anne documented her time in hiding in the form of a diary, which was published by her father, Otto, to share her story. It has been read by millions across the globe, including by many of us here today. That, in turn, inspired a group of people to found the Anne Frank Trust UK.

We at St Columba's high school applied and were selected to work with the Anne Frank Trust as peer guides, and then as Anne Frank ambassadors. Throughout the process, we have shared not only Anne's story but the importance of challenging hate and prejudice within our school and the wider community.

That has been an invaluable experience. Not only have I learned more about Anne's story, I have become more aware of discrimination in society and now feel more confident in using my voice to challenge prejudice and hate.

**Rhys Lambert (St Columba's High School, Gourock):** In today's society, young people face many forms of discrimination and cyberbullying. It is important to challenge and shout down hate and strive for a peaceful and more equal society. Children are the future, which is why we need more young voices to speak up so that they can grow up in a more open-minded and tolerant world.

We read Anne's story and are shocked at the level of discrimination that a 13-year-old girl had to face, yet we forget that it still happens today. I want to live in a world where people do not have to be afraid of speaking up, where people are not judged by race or religion, and where we show compassion instead of hatred.

We invite you to reflect not only on Anne's story but on the dangers and harm that can be caused by prejudice going unchallenged. We leave you with Anne's words: "How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/report.aspx?r=11595&i=105096#ScotParlOR>

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## Israel

*See also the written answer "Demonstrations: Palestinians" in the "Home Affairs" section above.*

### House of Commons Written Answer

#### Israel: Arms Trade

**Lloyd Russell-Moyle (Labour Co-op) [149019]** To ask the Secretary of State for International Trade, whether restrictions on end-use are applied to UK exports of military equipment to Israel; and if he will make a statement.

**Graham Stuart:** We do not have extraterritorial powers to restrict the end use of goods exported under an export licence from the UK. However, end use is an

important consideration when assessing a licence application against the Consolidated EU and National Arms Export Licensing Criteria.

This assessment is undertaken on a case-by-case basis and the Consolidated Criteria require us to think hard about the impact of providing equipment and its capabilities to the end user. We will not grant a licence if to do so would be inconsistent with these criteria.

We are keeping the situation in Israel and Gaza under careful review to ensure that extant export licences remain consistent with the Consolidated EU and National Arms Export Licensing Criteria. We will revoke these licences if we assess that they are no longer consistent with these criteria.

We have no information to suggest that UK supplied equipment has been used in contravention of the Consolidated Criteria.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-06-01/149019/>

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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>

Commons consideration of Lords amendments

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2018-06-12/debates/3AC9EE4B-A84C-47D1-9519-80CEA3653807/EuropeanUnion\(Withdrawal\)Bill](https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2018-06-12/debates/3AC9EE4B-A84C-47D1-9519-80CEA3653807/EuropeanUnion(Withdrawal)Bill)

#### **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**

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

### Scottish Parliament

#### **Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill**

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/108681.aspx>

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## Consultations \*\* new or updated today

**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](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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