

# Political Affairs Digest

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

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#### Islam

**Lord Pearson of Rannoch (UKIP)** [HL9878] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment, if any, they have made of the influence of the Deobandi movement on madrassas and mosques in the UK.

**Lord Bourne of Aberystwyth:** The Deobandi movement is part of the rich diversity of the Islamic faith in the UK and its followers play an important role in many mosques and madrassas. As set out in our Integrated Communities Strategy, the Government is firmly committed to the principle of freedom of religion and belief and we are working with local faith institutions to help make sure they are well-equipped to support local faith communities.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-07-24/HL9878/>

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### House of Lords Written Answer

#### Gaza: Humanitarian Aid

**Lord Ahmed (Non-affiliated)** [HL9824] To ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the government of Israel regarding the safety of British humanitarian workers travelling to Gaza as part of the Freedom Flotilla; and what responses they have received to any such representations.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** On 30 July, officials from our Embassy in Tel Aviv sought consular access from the Israeli authorities to a British national who was detained aboard the flotilla that was travelling to Gaza. This access was granted. Embassy officials also discussed the travelling flotilla with the Israeli authorities on 6 June. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office advises against all travel to Gaza (including the waters off Gaza).

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2018-07-24/HL9824/>

## Foreign and Commonwealth Office

**Updated Guidance: Overseas Business Risk – The Occupied Palestinian Territories**  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/overseas-business-risk-palestinian-territories/overseas-business-risk-the-occupied-palestinian-territories>

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## Relevant Legislation \*\* new or updated today

### UK Parliament

#### **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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#### **Financial Memorandum of the Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill** (closing date 31 August 2018)

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/109042.aspx>

#### **Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill** (closing date 4 September 2018)

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/108999.aspx>

#### **20 years of the Human Rights Act** (closing date 14 September 2018)

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/joint-select/human-rights-committee/news-parliament-2017/20-years-human-rights-act-launch-17-19/>

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