

# Political Affairs Digest

*A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community*  
**Scottish Council of Jewish Communities**  
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### Police Service of Northern Ireland

**Incidents and Crimes with a Hate Motivation Recorded by the Police in Northern Ireland  
Update to 30 June 2018**

[https://www.psni.police.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-statistics/hate-motivation-statistics/2018-19/q1/hate-motivation-bulletin-jun\\_-18.pdf](https://www.psni.police.uk/globalassets/inside-the-psni/our-statistics/hate-motivation-statistics/2018-19/q1/hate-motivation-bulletin-jun_-18.pdf)

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## Israel

### Scottish Parliament Motion

**S5M-13651 Jackson Carlaw (Conservative): Save A Child's Heart** – That the Parliament recognises the work of Save A Child's Heart, which is based in Israel, on providing life-saving heart surgery and follow-up care to children from developing countries regardless of their nationality, creed or ability to pay; understands that it is an Israeli-based international humanitarian project that not only carries out surgery and ongoing care in Israel but helps to provide medical training to other medical professionals and deploys its personnel to partner sites to diagnose, teach and perform life-saving surgery; believes that the organisation treats children from 57 developing countries and holds a weekly clinic for Palestinian children; understands that, to date, it has reportedly saved the lives of over 4,800 children; welcomes the volunteering at the clinic of Eastwood resident, Sophie Judah; pays tribute to Sophie and the others who volunteer for the support they provide to its ongoing work, and trusts that Save A Child's Heart will continue to save the lives of children worldwide for whose families this organisation has often been a lifeline.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-13651>

## United Nations

### **Unanimously Adopting Resolution 2433 (2018), Security Council Extends Mandate of United Nations Force in Lebanon, Calls on Government to Increase Naval Capacity**

The Security Council extended ... the mandate of United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) until 31 August 2019 ...

Rodney M. Hunter (United States) said maintaining peace and stability is of paramount importance, underscoring the critical need to ensure UNIFIL's freedom of movement and access along the Blue Line. It is unacceptable that Hizbullah continues to disregard the critical arms embargo. ...

Vassily A. Nebenzia (Russian Federation) said UNIFIL peacekeepers are having a stabilizing effect along the Blue Line and the Middle East as a whole. The Force should be preserved and attempts to transform it into a politicized institution avoided. ...

Karen Pierce (United Kingdom), Council president for August, spoke ... to commend UNIFIL for helping to maintain calm and stability along the Blue Line. She called on all parties to respect its mandate and the Blue Line itself ... and condemned all violations along the Blue Line. ...

**To read the full press release including the text of the resolution see**

<https://www.un.org/press/en/2018/sc13481.doc.htm>

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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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## Consultations \*\* new or updated today

**\*\* closes today**

#### **Financial Memorandum of the Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill**

(closing date 31 August 2018)

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

**\*\* closes in 4 days**

**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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