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Universities: Antisemitism

Ruth Jones (Labour) [284245] To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many universities have signed up to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism.

Gavin Williamson: The government has urged all higher education providers (HEPs) to consider adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition. It is a useful tool which will help front-line services better understand and recognise instances of antisemitism. However, HEPs are autonomous organisations who are independent from the government. Each individual provider will decide if, and how they wish to implement the IHRA definition. The government does not gather this data.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-02/284245/>

Crown Prosecution Service

Anti-Muslim supporter of New Zealand mosque killer jailed for attempted murder

A delivery driver who praised the Christchurch mosque shooter has been jailed for more than 18 years for attempting to murder a bystander near Heathrow Airport a day after the massacre.

On 16 March, Vincent Fuller walked up to a parked car at his local Tesco store and asked the occupant: "Do you want to get hurt?" and "You are going to die". He then thrust a knife a number of times through the open driver side window. The driver suffered a serious defensive stab wound to his hand and a superficial cut to the side of his neck. Fuller then ran off.

Today, he was sentenced to a total of 18 years and 9 months in prison. Once he is eventually released he will have to keep authorities notified of his movements for the next 30 years.

On the night of 15 March, 51-year-old Fuller was at home in Stanwell with a friend, watching

news of the shooting. The friend told police that Fuller reacted strongly, agreeing with the actions of the attacker. Fuller also spoke to his friend about parking issues with his Asian neighbours.

By the next day (16 March) Fuller was described by the friend as ranting and raving about others, especially Muslims. At about 6pm, Fuller was heard outside repeatedly shouting “white supremacy” and making threats to kill Muslims. ...

Jenny Hopkins from the CPS said: “Fuller is a dangerous individual who is fuelled by hatred of Muslims and non-white people. ... The evidence presented by the CPS led to guilty pleas and I hope his prison sentence will reassure neighbours and the wider community that justice has been done.” ...

To read the full press release see

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/anti-muslim-supporter-new-zealand-mosque-killer-jailed-attempted-murder>

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Gaza: Health Services

Angela Crawley (SNP) [284343] To ask the Secretary of State for International Development, what steps the Government is taking to ensure that medical workers in Gaza can perform their humanitarian functions without risk of attack.

Andrew Murrison: We are supporting urgent medical needs in Gaza through the International Committee for the Red Cross and the World Health Organisation. No health or aid workers anywhere in the world should be at risk of violence. They should have the protection that allows them to do their jobs in safety. We regularly raise with the Government of Israel the humanitarian situation in Gaza, stressing the importance of protecting civilians, especially children and medical personnel.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-09-02/284343/>

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UK Parliament

Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Bill

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

Domestic Abuse Bill

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

International Development Assistance (Palestinian National Authority Schools) Bill

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

Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill

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

Online Forums Bill

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

Palestinian Statehood (Recognition) Bill

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Islamophobia in Scotland (closing date 30 September 2019)

<https://forms.ncl.ac.uk/view.php?id=13027>

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