



Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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The following two questions both received the same answer

Antisemitism: Arrests

Nigel Evans (Conservative) [252844] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate he has made of the number of arrests for antisemitic hate crimes in (a) 2016, (b) 2017 and (c) 2018.

Nigel Evans (Conservative) [252845] To ask the Secretary of State for the Home Department, what estimate he has made of the number of arrests for violent antisemitic hate crimes in (a) 2016, (b) 2017 and (c) 2018.

Nick Hurd: The Home Office collects and publishes statistics on the number of arrests, conducted by each police force in England and Wales, on an annual basis. Data are held at the offence group level only (for example 'Violence against the person' and 'Public order' offences). Information on the number of arrests for hate crimes – and further details of the nature of an offence – are not held centrally. Data are published in the 'Police Powers and Procedures, England and Wales' statistical bulletin, the latest of which can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/police-powers-and-procedures-england-and-wales-year-ending-31-march-2018>

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-05-10/252844/>

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<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-05-10/252845/>

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Occupied Territories: Overseas Aid

Jim Cunningham (Labour) [254740] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what representations he has made to his US counterpart on the US decision to stop all aid to the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Andrew Murrison: The UK maintains a regular dialogue with the US on a range of Middle East issues, and the Foreign Secretary has discussed the specific issue of US funding cuts for the UN Relief and Works Agency with Senior Adviser to the President, Jared Kushner. The UK has also made a number of official-level representations to the US highlighting our concern about the impact on US funding cuts.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-05-15/254740/>

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Updated Travel Advice; Israel

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/israel>

Updated Travel Advice: The Occupied Palestinian Territories

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/the-occupied-palestinian-territories>

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Foreign Affairs

House of Commons Written Answer

Venezuela: Hezbollah

Andrea Jenkens (Conservative) [254229] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, what assessment he has made of the accuracy of reports of Hezbollah's presence in Venezuela in support of President Maduro.

Alan Duncan: We are aware of media reports but cannot confirm the accuracy of reports of Hezbollah presence in Venezuela in support of Mr Maduro.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2019-05-14/254229/>

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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>

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

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

Scottish Parliament

Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Bill

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

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Consultations

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Scottish Human Rights Commission Draft Strategic Plan (closing date 28 June 2019)

<http://www.scottishhumanrights.com/media/1860/strategic-plan-consultation-vfinal-eh.docx>

Online Harms White Paper (closing date 1 July 2019)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/online-harms-white-paper>

Opt-out organ donation: organs and tissues excluded from the new system (closing date 22 July 2019)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/opt-out-organ-donation-organs-and-tissues-excluded-from-the-new-system>

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