



# Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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### Welsh Assembly Petitions Committee

**P-04-399 Slaughter Practices: We call upon the National Assembly to urge the Welsh Government to ban the practise of slaughtering animals without pre-stunning them.** The Committee considered the status of petition P-04-399 Slaughter Practices and agreed not to include this issue in the report on P-04-433 and to close the petition on the basis that there has been a lack of recent evidence received.

<http://senedd.assembly.wales/documents/g5655/Printable%20minutes%20Tuesday%2005-Nov-2019%2009.00%20Petitions%20Committee.pdf?T=1>

Information about P-04-399 can be read at

<http://www.senedd.assembly.wales/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=4032&Opt=0>

Information about P-04-433, referred to above, can be read at

<http://www.senedd.assembly.wales/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=4792>

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## Israel

### Scottish Parliament Motion

**S5M-19862 John Finnie (Green): ECJ Ruling on the Labelling of Products Made in Illegal Settlements** – That the Parliament welcomes the decision by the European Court of Justice (ECJ) instructing EU member states to identify on labels details of any products made in illegal Israeli settlements; understands that the ECJ made this ruling so that consumers are able to make informed choices on products that they purchase, including the origins of these goods, and agrees with Human Rights Watch that “European consumers are entitled to be confident that the products they purchase are not linked to serious violations of international humanitarian law”.

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-19862>

Information about the ECJ ruling referred to above can be read at <https://curia.europa.eu/jcms/upload/docs/application/pdf/2019-11/cp190140en.pdf>

and the full judgement can be read at

<http://curia.europa.eu/juris/document/document.jsf?jsessionid=D1AE7CA04942587AAFC6FF3CA7093F95?text=&docid=220534&pageIndex=0&doclang=EN&mode=req&dir=&oc c=first&part=1&cid=1482331>

## United Nations

### **'No justification' for attacks against civilians, UN envoy says on mounting cross-border violence in Gaza**

... "I am very concerned about the ongoing and serious escalation between Palestinian Islamic Jihad and Israel", Nickolay Mladenov said in a [statement](#) ...

According to local reports, the attack not only killed the militant leader, but his wife and others.

Meanwhile, the Health Ministry in the Gaza enclave, which is controlled by militant group Hamas, reported on Wednesday that retaliatory airstrikes by Israel on Wednesday had killed 13 Palestinians, including three children, bringing the death toll to 23 since Tuesday.

"The indiscriminate launching of rockets and mortars against population centres is absolutely unacceptable and must stop immediately", stressed the UN Special Coordinator. "There can be no justification for any attacks against civilians."

Arguing that the continuing escalation is "very dangerous", Mr. Mladenov maintained that it is "yet another attempt to undermine the efforts to improve the dire socio-economic conditions in Gaza and "another devastating conflict" must be prevented. ...

Israel Defense Forces (IDF) reported that more than 100 rockets had been fired into Israel during the two days of fighting, bringing the total to around 300, and news reports said around 50 people had been treated for injuries.

Palestinian Islamic Jihad reportedly confirmed that those killed in Gaza included members of its military wing.

**To read the full press release see**

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/11/1051251>

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

### **Scottish Parliament**

#### **Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill**

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/112997.aspx>

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## **Consultations** \*\* new or updated today

**\*\* closes in 5 days**

**Welsh Government Strategic Equality Objectives 2020-24** (closing date 19 November 2019)

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultations/2019-09/strategic-equality-objectives-2020-2024-consultation.pdf>

**Draft content of the Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Specified Type A Procedures) (Scotland) Regulations** (closing date 11 December 2019)

<https://consult.gov.scot/population-health/human-tissue-regulations-2019/>

**Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill** (closing date 31 January 2020)

<https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/113449.aspx>

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