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A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/LLN-2020-0012/LLN-2020-0012.pdf>

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House of Commons Ministerial Statement and Q&A

Joint Comprehensive Plan Of Action

col 900 **Richard Drax (Conservative):** ... What is the biggest threat now? Could it be that Israel, which has been threatened by Iran, is likely to strike if this goes on unless some sort of agreement is reached, which could of course inflame an already very difficult situation?

Dominic Raab: It is not clear to me that there is any credible alternative to a diplomatic route to solving this issue long term ... The only way of dealing with the concerns that we have is a mixture—a combination—of holding Iran to account when it behaves badly, as it has done systematically in relation to its nuclear ambitions, and leaving open the door to diplomatic opportunity and diplomacy. ...

col 901 **Christian Wakeford:** Last year an archive of documents relating to Iran's nuclear programme was unearthed in a Tehran warehouse by Israel's intelligence agencies. The documents revealed the extent of Iran's deception to the IAEA and the world powers about its historical work to develop nuclear weapons and its ongoing efforts to circumvent the JCPOA. Is my right hon. Friend able to confirm whether the UK has seen these documents and whether he shares Israel's concerns about their contents?

Dominic Raab: My hon. Friend makes some interesting points. I am not going to comment on intelligence matters or operational matters, but I can say that of course we share Israel's concern not just about Iran's nuclear ambitions but about the wider activities in the region. ...

To read the full transcript see

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2020-01-14/debates/ED5DDCE3-D8BC-4409-AC53-2F87D646A758/JointComprehensivePlanOfAction>

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Relevant Legislation ** new or updated today

UK Parliament

Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Bill

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2019-20/divorcedissolutionandseparation.html>

**** European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill**

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2019-20/europeanunionwithdrawalagreement.html>

Committee Stage, House of Lords

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/Lords/2020-01-14/debates/71234BAC-F4F0-4F9E-8F68-9A4F47CC7472/EuropeanUnion\(WithdrawalAgreement\)Bill](https://hansard.parliament.uk/Lords/2020-01-14/debates/71234BAC-F4F0-4F9E-8F68-9A4F47CC7472/EuropeanUnion(WithdrawalAgreement)Bill)

and

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/Lords/2020-01-14/debates/009CC3F1-FD31-4655-90EF-455FDA91B644/EuropeanUnion\(WithdrawalAgreement\)Bill](https://hansard.parliament.uk/Lords/2020-01-14/debates/009CC3F1-FD31-4655-90EF-455FDA91B644/EuropeanUnion(WithdrawalAgreement)Bill)

Letter from the Chief Executive of the Scottish Parliament on legislative consent

https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/58-01/0001/LCM_20200114.pdf

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 2 days**

Equality Act 2010: Commencing the socio-economic duty (Welsh Government)

(closing date 17 January 2020)

<https://gov.wales/equality-act-2010-commencing-socio-economic-duty>

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

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

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