



Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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Royal Mail

Royal Mail stamps 2020: End of the Second World War

Royal Mail's latest stamp set reflects on the end of the war both in Europe and in the Far East, with three concepts: Celebrating, Returning and Remembering ...

... the photographs on each stamp [show] official monuments and cemeteries to the fallen as well as a major memorial to the victims of the Holocaust. ...

The first of two 1st class stamps features a photograph of the Hall of names, at the Holocaust History Museum, in Yad Veshem, Jerusalem. ...

To read the full press release see

<https://www.allaboutstamps.co.uk/stamp-guides/royal-mail-stamps-2020-end-second-world-war/>

To see the stamp featuring the Hall of Names in Yad Vashem, see

<https://shop.royalmail.com/media/catalog/product/cache/fcd770eb29c0369d167ec53996448685/m/z/mz153-2-end-ww2-minisheet-stamps.jpg>

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House of Commons Written Answers

The following three questions all received the same answer

Palestinians: Textbooks

Jonathan Gullis (Conservative) [38980] To ask the Secretary of State for International Development, what discussions she has had with her international counterparts on reports of incitement to violence in the online version of the Palestinian Authority school curriculum used by students at home as a result of school closures during the covid-19 pandemic.

Jonathan Gullis (Conservative) [38982] To ask the Secretary of State for International Development, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of reports that a Palestinian Authority teacher recently gave 10-year-olds an online reading comprehension lesson glorifying the terrorist Dalal Mughrabi.

Palestinians: Curriculum

Jonathan Gullis (Conservative) [38981] To ask the Secretary of State for International Development, whether the Georg Eckert Institute review of the Palestinian curriculum will include the online lessons by Palestinian Authority teachers during the covid-19 pandemic.

James Cleverly: The UK government is deeply concerned about allegations of incitement in the Palestinian Authority's curriculum. We are pleased that the Palestinian Authority is undertaking a review of its textbooks and updating them for the new academic year.

The UK has been at the forefront of international action to get to the bottom of allegations. We secured agreement from European partners to commission the Georg Eckert Institute to conduct an independent review, which is currently underway. The scope of the Review was set before the COVID-19 crisis and it does not cover online teaching arrangements put in place by the Palestinian Authority while schools are closed. Any changes to its scope would be a matter for Georg Eckert Institute and our European Partners. We have not had specific discussions with our international counterparts on the Palestinian Authority's online curriculum. Ministers have regularly raised the issue of incitement in the education sector with the PA's Minister for Education, which the Secretary of State did most recently in February this year.

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2020-04-22/38980/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2020-04-22/38982/>

and

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2020-04-22/38981/>

Department for International Development, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, Home Office, and others

Conflict, Stability and Security Fund: Middle East and North Africa annual review summaries 2018 to 2019

Middle East Peace Process (MEPP) programme

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/842769/Middle_East_Peace_Process_Programme.odt

Middle East Peace Process (MEPP) annual review summary

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/875926/Middle_East_Peace_Process_MEPP_Annual_Review_Summary.odt

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Relevant Legislation

** new or updated today

UK Parliament

Assisted Dying Bill

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

Divorce, Dissolution and Separation Bill

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

Education (Assemblies) Bill

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

Genocide Determination Bill

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

Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill

<https://services.parliament.uk/Bills/2019-20/marriageact1949amendment.html>

Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill

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

Scottish Parliament

Civil Partnership (Scotland) Bill

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

Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill

<https://beta.parliament.scot/bills/hate-crime-and-public-order-scotland-bill>

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Consultations

** new or updated today

**** closes today**

Amendments to the organ donation regulations (Wales) (closing date 30 April 2020)

<https://gov.wales/amendments-organ-donation-regulations>

**** closes in 8 days**

Regulating Independent Educational Institutions (closing date 8 May 2020)

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/school-frameworks/regulating-independent-education-institutions/>

**** Protecting places of worship** (closing date 28 June 2020)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/protecting-places-of-worship-consultation>

Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Bill (closing date not stated)

The Scottish Government welcomes your views on any aspect of the Bill as it begins its passage through Parliament. Please send any queries titled 'Hate Crime Bill Launch' to ConnectedCommunities@gov.scot

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