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*Relevant Documents before the house: Oral evidence taken before the International Development Committee of Session 2017-19 on 8 October 2019 on “Follow-up on Yemen, Syria, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories”, HC 2682*

<http://data.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/committeeevidence.svc/evidencedocument/international-development-committee/followup-on-the-situation-in-yemen-syria-israel-and-the-occupied-palestinian-territories/oral/106194.html>

*col 1209 Stephen Kinnock (Labour):* ... First, this is not about religion or ethnicity. It is not a question of Arab, Muslim or Jewish identity. It is about upholding the universal norms and values that we hold dear, and it is about working to constrain and reverse the actions of those who seek to undermine those norms and values. Nor is this about being pro-Israel or pro-Palestine. This is about striving for peace, justice and security for all.

Secondly, we condemn violence in all its forms, whether it is Hamas launching rockets or the Israel Defence Forces bombarding Gaza or bulldozing Bedouin villages to make way for illegal settlements. We oppose any and all actions that lead to the death and destruction that have so tragically come to define this conflict.

Thirdly, we believe passionately in the rule of law. Indeed, our point of departure is that the rule of law is not up for negotiation. ...

Israel's consistent flouting of UN resolutions and the fourth Geneva convention has undermined the rules-based order for decades, and the international community can no longer just look the other way. Both sides in this conflict have witnessed horrific bloodshed and both sides deserve an end to the fear and suffering that they have had to experience. That is why it is so vital and urgent that the rule of law be brought to bear as the foundation upon which a viable and sustainable Palestine can be negotiated and built—a Palestine that protects the rights of its citizens and lives in peace with its neighbours.

*col 1210* The illegal Israeli settlements undermine all three of the principles that I have set out. ... They cause violence on a daily basis and they are a flagrant breach of international law, yet they continue and expand.

In 2018, we marked 25 years since the signing of the Oslo accords. That moment in 1993 was meant to herald a new and lasting era of peace and co-existence—the beginning of a

genuine two-state solution—but since then, the number of illegal settlers has increased from 258,000 to more than 610,000. Fifty thousand homes and properties have been demolished, and an illegal separation barrier has been built that carves up the west bank and brutally disconnects towns, cities, families and communities from each other. What have the Israeli people experienced in that time? They have experienced insecurity, fear of attacks through suicide bombings, rockets and mortars, knife attacks and car rammings. None of this will end while there is no proper peace and no end to the occupation. ...

*col/ 1211* President Trump and the Prime Minister Netanyahu have come forward with their so-called deal of the century. This is not a deal. It is not a plan. It is not even a starting point for talks. It is a proposal that is fundamentally flawed because it has no basis in law. It is a land and power grab ... Why would the Palestinian Authority ever enter into talks on the basis of a document that effectively legitimises attempts to destroy any chance of an independent sovereign Palestine? ...

The Foreign Secretary and his Ministers continue to present the Trump-Netanyahu plan as a basis for talks. They ask the Palestinians to compromise, yet the Palestinians have already ceded 78% of their land to Israel. How much more can they be asked to compromise? ...

**Rushanara Ali (Labour):** Does my hon. Friend agree that given Britain's unique history in relation to Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, it is important our Government continue to work at being an honest broker rather than taking sides? The position the UK Government have taken actually puts at risk Britain being seen as an honest broker.

**Stephen Kinnock:** I agree entirely ...

*col/ 1212* Those who take a more sympathetic view of the actions of the Israeli Government will no doubt point to the so-called Abraham accords, which were signed by UAE and Bahrain at the White House on 13 August ... Yet the reality is that the Abraham accords are simply the formalisation of pre-existing and well-established relations between the signatories. Those states have been working together for years on joint military operations, coups and counter-revolutions. ...

The question we must therefore address today is how the British Government can use their position as a leading member of the international community to press the Israeli Government to pull back from creeping annexation and to re-engage in talks on the basis of a viable two-state solution. ...

*col/ 1213* We should explore the potential for the International Criminal Court to play a role. ... It is essential that the UK condemns any further creeping annexation, but condemnation alone will never be enough. To this end, the UK Government must take the following steps with urgency. First, they must immediately recognise the state of Palestine on the basis of the 1967 lines. ...

Secondly, the Government must ban all products that originate from Israeli settlements in the occupied territories. Profiting from such products is tantamount to profiting from the proceeds of crime, and it must stop. ...

Thirdly, the Government must act to end the involvement of UK-based companies within the illegal settlements. ...

*col/ 1214* **David Jones (Conservative):** ... The settlement programme was given some sort of a spurious legitimacy by the US peace plan for the middle east, which potentially paved the way towards a further major violation of Palestinian territory by annexation. ...

**Jim Shannon (DUP):** One interesting point that was made at the time of this significant agreement [normalised relations between Israel, the United Arab Emirates and the kingdom of Bahrain] was about finding "a just, comprehensive and enduring resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict."

Will my right hon. Friend join me in calling on the Palestinian Authority to engage with Israel and its Arab neighbours to use the impetus of this historic agreement to negotiate a two-state solution?

*col 1215* **David Jones:** ... There will, sadly, never be peace for Israel or Palestine unless a sensible two-state solution is pursued and achieved. The US plan is not the way forward. ...

This House already voted in 2014 to recognise Palestine's statehood, and I suggest that now is the time for the British Government to confirm that recognition. ... The position of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has consistently been that British recognition of Palestine's statehood will come when it best serves the objective of peace. That time is now. ...

**Andy Slaughter (Labour):** ... This debate is about annexation and settlements, de jure and de facto theft of Palestinian land, sequestrating and simply seizing land. ...

*col 1216* The Government say, "When the time is right." I wonder what would make the time right. ...

We cannot continue trading with settlements that are illegal under international law or supporting companies that do that. ...

**Damien Moore (Conservative):** ... While I recognise that settlements are counterproductive, I do not believe they can be regarded as a permanent obstacle, and it is misleading to argue that the settlements are the primary reason for the continuation of the conflict. Indeed, violence long predates the existence of settlements ... Violence against Jews in the region had been taking place even before the state's establishment in 1948. For millennia, Jews lived in the west bank, known as the biblical lands of Judea and Samaria. ...

*col 1217* Between 1948 and 1967, Jordan refused Jews access to territory including the old city of Jerusalem and Judaism's holiest sites. It is also important to note that the Palestine Liberation Organisation was formed three years before the Israeli occupation began, in 1967, with the goal of liberating Palestine—meaning modern-day Israel.

What is more, Israel has a history of removing settlements in the interests of peace. Had settlements been the main cause of violence, one would have expected it to decrease following Israel's unilateral withdrawal of settlers from all settlements in Gaza in 2005. On the contrary, Palestinian violence has intensified and tens of thousands of rockets and missiles have been fired into Israeli communities in the last 15 years. ...

Yet in recent weeks ... we have seen the beginnings of significant change and the formalisation of that is important. The trilateral Abraham accords, signed by the UAE and Bahrain, explicitly acknowledge the Jewish people and the importance of co-existence, mutual understanding and mutual respect between Jews, Muslims and Christians in the region. ...

*col 1218* **Julie Elliott (Labour):** ... The Trump plan to me was an annexation plan. ... It was not a peace plan. It was not anything that negotiations or a peaceful solution could be born out of. ...

Although I welcome the treaties between Israel and the UAE and Bahrain, announced with great fanfare in the gardens of the White House, this does nothing to help peace on the ground in Israel and the occupied territories of Palestine. ...

The suspension of the annexation plan does not mean that annexation is not happening by the backdoor. The status quo means that de facto annexation continues ...

Many times I have heard in this House the Government say that they will recognise Palestine when the time is right. We are in a unique position because of our history and our strong record in this area. The time is now to recognise Palestine. ...

**Robert Largan (Conservative):** ... On the point the hon. Lady just made about her eagerness to recognise the state of Palestine now, may I ask which Government—which state of Palestine—she would recognise? Would it be the Palestinian Authority, who spend 40% of their foreign aid on salaries to terrorists and their families, or perhaps Hamas, who are openly committed to the genocide of Jewish people?

*col 1219* **Julie Elliott:** That intervention was not helpful to the tone of the debate ...

We all deplore violence and we all deplore people breaking the law, but it would give people an equalisation as we move forward, hopefully, to a negotiated settlement providing a two-state solution that would enhance the lives of both Israeli citizens and Palestinians—a peaceful way forward. ...

**Stephen Crabb (Conservative):** ... Even though some Members have sought to downplay it, make no mistake that the signing of peace agreements between the Governments of Bahrain and the UAE and Israel is an enormous step forward for peace for the whole region ...

**Christian Wakeford (Conservative):** During our trip in February, we went to Ramallah and saw high-tech companies thriving, in spite of the political leadership in Palestine. Does my right hon. Friend agree that it is the leadership of Palestine that is not only holding its people back but holding the region back?

*col 1220* **Stephen Crabb:** My hon. Friend is exactly right: it is about leadership. If the history of this region teaches us anything, it is that peace comes about not through fine words alone, but through courageous action. That has been underlined again in the last few weeks by those decisions by Bahrain and the UAE. ...

We sat with Dr Saeb Erekat, who still holds the title of official chief negotiator on the part of the PLO, and discussed prospects for peace with him. ... The point we made to him was that it requires the Palestinian leadership not to continue missing opportunities, as they have done in the past, but to seize an opportunity for a basis of discussion and step out of old ways of thinking and old paths that lead time and again to a block.

**Stephen Kinnock:** ... How is it possible to have talks on a basis that breaks international law?

**Stephen Crabb:** ... The intransigence and refusal to engage on the part of the Palestinian leadership is a huge roadblock to progress in the region. ...

Christian Wakeford referred to a tech start-up company that we visited in Ramallah ... The young people we met in that company look at what has happened in the tech sector in Israel, which has seen enormous growth and been a source of prosperity for Israel, and they want that too ... They have every right to aspire to that, but they are also aware that their leadership has let them down on so many occasions. When we debate these issues in the Chamber, it is important that we think about not only the words of the Palestinian leaders but the Palestinian people themselves and what they aspire to.

**Rushanara Ali:** Does the right hon. Gentleman agree that one of the major obstacles to young Palestinians being able to do what he describes is their lack of freedom of movement and their inability to access education, skills and opportunities? ...

**Stephen Crabb:** ... there is a reason why those roadblocks are there: they minimise the threat of violence and death for Jewish Israeli citizens. ...

*col 1221* **Jeff Smith (Labour):** ... I visited the west bank in February ... Until that visit, I had not appreciated just how seriously these settlements threaten that two-state solution, how complex the situation is on the ground in terms of the settlements' locations ... or how the nature of the settlements complicates the situation. These are permanently established towns and villages with strong and complex infrastructure. We heard reference earlier to land swaps as a potential solution, but the nature of the settlements would make that much more difficult and complicated than I had appreciated. I do not think anybody is arguing that settlements are the only obstacle to a peaceful solution, but they are a very significant one, and increasingly so ...

We need to think about how we can practically influence the Israeli Government to abandon the plans. We have talked in this House about sanctions against Governments that break international law ...

*col 1222* There are some right-wing representatives in the Israeli Government who actually prefer creeping annexation, because it means that that kind of de facto annexation does

not have to accommodate any agreement with the Palestinians. ...

**Christian Wakeford:** ... It is impossible to overstate the significance of the events of recent weeks for the prospect of Israeli-Palestine peace. The Arab League of 2020, which has refused to condemn Israel's peace agreement with the UAE, is a very different organisation from that of 1967. After gaining control of East Jerusalem and the west bank from Jordan, Gaza from Egypt and the Golan Heights from Syria in the six-day war, Israel offered to return most of the territories it had occupied in exchange for peace treaties with its neighbours. In response, the Arab League issued the infamous three noes—no peace with Israel, no recognition of Israel and no negotiations with Israel. The Arab-Israeli conflict, as it was then known, was born out of the refusal of those Arab states to accept Israel's existence in any borders.

The conflict is no longer one between Israel and the entire Arab world, with Egypt, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain having now officially recognised Israel in landmark peace deals. ...

We must not forget that Israel unilaterally withdrew from Gaza in 2005, uprooting thousands of Israeli Jews who lived there, in order to advance peace with the Palestinians. It is regrettable that, instead of seizing that opportunity, Hamas murdered its Fatah opponents and turned the Gaza strip into a launch pad for terrorism.

Israel's occupation of the west bank cannot be understood without considering that, before Jordan seized control of east Jerusalem and the west bank in 1948 and ethnically cleansed the territory of Jews, there had been a continuous Jewish presence in the area for four millennia. Many of Judaism's holy sites, including the Cave of the Patriarchs, are located in the west bank. More than 10,000 Jews living in the old city of Jerusalem, the west bank and Gaza were driven out or killed in the 1948 war of independence. Today the territories are designated by the international community as illegally occupied Palestinian territories, a definition that Israel and the United States contest. The implication that Jews praying at their holiest sites are doing so illegally is deeply troubling to me and to the Jewish community. ...

*col 1223* The state of Israel is a beacon of freedom and democracy, developing solutions to global problems, including coronavirus, and sharing expertise worldwide. I welcome the remarks by the Minister last week that: "The UK's commitment to Israel is unwavering." ...

**Naz Shah (Labour):** Some 103 years ago, the Palestinians were abandoned when our then Foreign Secretary decided unilaterally to facilitate the establishment of a new state for one people in another people's homeland. In 1948 the Palestinians were abandoned when that state was established, and in 1967 they were abandoned again ...

But this year they have not just been abandoned; they have also been ignored. On the back of ignoring them, Israel's ignoring of international law has been rewarded, not punished, by political normalisation with two states in the region. ...

*col 1224* The recent announcements coming from the UAE and Bahrain are significant to those states' relations with Israel but detrimental to peace between Israelis and Palestinians and righting the wrongs committed during the military occupation. ...

As we continue to pursue peace, we must ask, who is peace for? It is not for the Emiratis and it is not for the Bahrainis. It is not even for us. It is for the Israelis and Palestinians. Anything that excludes one side is nothing to do with peace. ...

*col 1225* **Brendan Clarke-Smith (Conservative):** ... While settlement expansion is counterproductive, it is worth recalling that Israel gained control of the west bank in a defensive war to maintain security and that there was no previous legitimate sovereign there. ...

We must not forget that it was Saudi Arabia that instigated and led the Arab peace initiative of the 2000s, which ushered in a decades-long consensus in the Arab world. The price of normalisation and recognition of Israel was the creation of a Palestinian state. ... While international efforts have historically focused on unlocking the impasse between Israel and

the Palestinians to enable peace, the United States has emphatically shown that peace is possible from the outside in. The Palestinian Authority's joint rejection of the peace deals, alongside Hamas, is deeply regrettable. ...

*col 1226 Layla Moran (Liberal Democrat):* ... When I saw Trump's peace plan, which we asked to debate back in March, my heart sank. The reason why it sank was that there is no one more than me and my family, and my cousins and aunts and uncles back home, who wants peace. We want peace—of course we want peace—and Hamas does not speak for me. I stand here as a friend of Israel as much as I am a daughter of Palestine. To those who suggest that this is in some way a weird thing for a Palestinian to say, I reply that most Palestinians I know actually say that. All Palestinians I know recognise Israel and all Palestinians I know want peace. This is not some black-and-white situation; that is where we want to get to.

In that plan there was mention of Jericho. My family is a Greek Orthodox family, and we had a long history of living in Jerusalem within the city walls, but after 1967, the family moved away because it was no longer safe to raise my mother there. She and her five siblings went to live in Jericho, which is where she grew up. The plan that Trump was putting forward would essentially have meant a suffocation of Jericho. ... When Members say ... "Why don't people just engage?" it is the equivalent of someone going to where they have grown up and saying to them, "We are going to suffocate the very village where you grew up or where your mother grew up, and you should be grateful that we have come up with this great plan for your family." ...

It is very obvious that this plan was never going to work. It is very obvious that the peace plan between the UAE, Bahrain and Israel—good for them; all peace is good, and the more peace, the better—is not going to help Palestine. Let us not fool ourselves. What we can do in this House and what this Government can do is recognise my other country, the one I love equally with this one. ... What we need now is hope, and that is what is in the gift of this Government. ...

*col 1228 Jerome Mayhew (Conservative):* ... Settlements are just one of many issues that stand in the way of peace... If we believe that a long-term peace accord relies on the creation of an agreed two-state solution, how can a Government policy of ongoing building of Israeli settlements in the occupied territories do anything other than make a long-term division of lands less achievable? ...

On the current Israeli-US peace plan, one only needs to turn to the map of the proposed Palestinian state to see that, at best, it can only be the start of a conversation ... The proposed state does not look like a state, but rather an internal diaspora of enclaves. ... the weeping sore of low-grade attritional conflict between Israel and the Palestinians will not be settled by the imposition of one side's solution on the other. Equally, peace cannot be imposed from the outside. The only way that peace will come is from the free agreement of both parties ...

*col 1229 Steve McCabe (Labour):* ... Settlements are not the only obstacle. Hamas denies Israel's right to exist, and terrorises the people of Israel and Gaza. Iran's proxy army, Hezbollah, has around 140,000 rockets and missiles, and an army of 45,000. Tehran has repeatedly called for Israel's destruction, pledging, in the words on Ayatollah Khamenei's website, a "final solution". In their classrooms and in their policy of paying salaries to terrorists and their families, the Palestinian Authority incite and glorify violence—a policy aided and abetted by international donors, including our own Government. That does nothing to advance peace. ...

**Stephen Timms (Labour):** ... I welcome the stand that the Government have taken against annexation, but simply stating that we do not approve of it is not enough. We must back up those statements.

*col 1230* Even without annexation, as we have been reminded, the construction of illegal settlements makes the prospect of a two-state solution increasingly illusory. ...

It is shocking that the Israeli demolition of Palestinian houses has continued even during the pandemic. ...

**col 1231 Rushanara Ali:** ... We need our Government to fight for an end to the occupation, to illegal settlements, to demolition orders, and to the barriers that prevent Palestinians and Israelis from being able to live side by side in peace and security. We need the international community to redouble its efforts to ensure that a genuine peaceful settlement can be reached. The Trump plan is far from that. That is why it is important that our Government fights for a permanent commitment to preventing annexation, not just a temporary reprieve. ...

**Alyn Smith (SNP):** ... It was interesting that the hon. Member started with what this debate is not about, and that is worth restating. This debate is not about being pro or anti Jew or Muslim, Israeli or Palestinian. The reality on the ground is far more complex. It is about our being consistent in our application of international law. A few other things also bear restatement. Israel has a right to exist. ...

The Trump plan is not a serious basis for talks—quite the reverse. It rewards bad, illegal behaviour, and should be rejected out of hand. The Israel-UAE and Israel-Bahrain accords are to be welcomed as far as they go ... but they themselves ignore the 2002 Arab peace initiative condition that any normalisation of relations is contingent on the establishment of an independent Palestinian state. ...

**col 1232** We have heard from the Government Benches that settlements are one issue among many or that they are not a significant barrier to peace. ... I would contend quite the reverse. The settlements are the primary obstacle to a two-state solution, in that they have rendered Palestinian territory an ungovernable archipelago. ...

We should remember that under the UK Government's own policy settlements are illegal. Contact with them should be illegal also. Settlement produce is stolen goods and there should be consequences in dealing in it, so I have some concrete questions for the Minister. Will the UK ban settlement goods? Failing that, will we at least clearly label them so that consumers can make choices? ...

**col 1233 The Minister for the Middle East and North Africa (James Cleverly):** ... The UK remains active in attempting to secure a peace process for the region, and we warmly welcome the recent announcements of the normalisation of relations between Israel, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. ... I do hope that it has also shown the leadership of the PA that there is a shift in mood among Arabic neighbours. They should recognise that and take this as an opportunity to positively engage with a dialogue for future peace.

**col 1234** That said, it should be clear that the United Kingdom's position on the future relationship between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples has not changed. We desire a stable, secure and peaceful two-state solution, with a thriving Israel next door to a thriving Palestine based on 1967 borders, with agreed land swaps, Jerusalem as the shared capital of both states and fair, agreed and realistic settlements for refugees. ...

**Zarah Sultana (Labour):** In August, the Labour party announced that should annexation take place, we would call for a boycott of goods sourced in the occupied territories. Does the Minister agree that this would demonstrate a genuine commitment to the rights of the Palestinian people and international law?

**James Cleverly:** The UK Government have a long-standing position to oppose the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement towards the state of Israel, but more than that, it is better that we prevent annexation from taking place. ...

As a strong friend of Israel, and a friend who stood up for Israel when it faced biased and unreasonable criticism, we are continuing to urge Israel not to take steps in this direction and for annexation to be permanently removed as an option. ...

**col 1235** The UK's position on settlements is also clear. Again, they are illegal under international law and present an obstacle to a sustainable two-state solution. We want to see a contiguous west bank, including East Jerusalem, as part of a viable sovereign

Palestinian state, based on the 1967 borders. ...

... we must understand that Israel, from its inception, has felt an existential threat. That very much informs its view to its own protection, and we must understand that. We must also work to remove that existential fear because that ultimately will unlock the viable, peaceful two-state solution.

I pay tribute to the hon. Member for Oxford West and Abingdon (Layla Moran), who injected a very moving, personal contribution. We must always remember that this is not just about lines on maps and international power politics—this is actually about people. ...

col 1236 ... this debate is about protecting the viability of a peaceful, secure state of Israel, and a peaceful and secure state for the Palestinian people. There is an opportunity, and we have encouraged the Palestinian Authority to engage with Israel, the United States of America, its Arab neighbours and friends, and the UK, to put a counter-offer on the table. We know that President Trump is someone who likes to do a deal, and we strongly urge our friends in the region to take him up on the offer. ...

**Stephen Kinnock:** ... I think there are five really important points that we need to take away from [this debate].

First, the UAE deal has not stopped annexation. The settlements continue. ...

Secondly, the Trump plan has to be taken off the table. It is not a viable basis for negotiations. It represents the breaking of international law.

Thirdly, the British Government must recognise Palestine immediately, on the basis of 1967 lines; otherwise, we are simply not having a realistic or constructive engagement in this process.

Fourthly, on banning trade in products, the Minister kept saying that this is about banning trade in products from Israel, but it is not Israel that we are talking about. The illegal settlements are not Israel. They are illegally occupied territory that should belong to the Palestinians ...

Finally, we need to act against those British companies that are involved in the illegal settlements. It is all very well having guidelines and encouragement, but that is clearly not working. ... Hand wringing and expressions of outrage will no longer cut it. We need to see action, and we need to see it now.

**To read the full transcript see**

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2020-09-24/debates/51690898-5054-47E1-A448-E96F6C64BC1F/OccupiedPalestinianTerritories>

## House of Lords Written Answers

### Israeli Settlements: Housing

**Baroness Tonge (Non-affiliated)** [HL8094] To ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they plan to make to the government of Israel about that government's proposals to build 5,000 new homes in the West Bank for Israeli settlers.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** The UK's position on settlements is clear. They are illegal under international law, present an obstacle to peace, and threaten the physical viability of a two-state solution. We continue to urge the Israeli and Palestinian leadership to avoid actions which make peace more difficult to achieve.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2020-09-14/hl8094>

*The following two questions both received the same answer*

### Israel: Schools

**Baroness Tonge (Non-affiliated)** [HL8095] To ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they plan to make to the government of Israel about reports that (1) classroom chairs and tables, and (2) roof panels, from an elementary school in Ras al-Tin have been confiscated by that government.

## West Bank: Education

**Baroness Tonge (Non-affiliated)** [HL8096] To ask Her Majesty's Government what representations they have made to the Palestinian National Authority about the protection of the education of Palestinian children in the West Bank.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** It is essential to have a strong and thriving Palestinian education system in order to provide opportunities for the next generation. UK aid to the Palestinian Authority (PA) helps to ensure it can deliver essential services including the provision of education and health services in the West Bank.

We have regular discussions with the PA on the importance of ensuring children get a quality education.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2020-09-14/hl8095>

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**Hate crime laws** (closing date 24 December 2020)

<https://www.lawcom.gov.uk/project/hate-crime/>

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