



# Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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**Lord Pearson of Rannoch (Non-affiliated)** [HL2272] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the Written Answers by Baroness Williams of Trafford on 29 April (HL15173) and 20 July (HL1825), whether they have assessed any mosques in the UK for evidence of the promotion of violence towards non-Muslims, including the dissemination of literature which encourages such violence; and if not, why not.

**Baroness Williams of Trafford:** We assess all evidence of those that radicalise others through their support for or justification of violence, and will not tolerate those who spread divisive and harmful narratives. Any violent threat is assessed and managed by the police and security services based on the threat that it is deemed to pose.

Our work to counter radicalisation through Prevent works best when it is delivered in partnership with communities and civil society, including faith institutions.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-21/hl2272>

The answers referred to above can be read at

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-04-21/hl15173>

and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-07/hl1825>

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## Israel

### House of Lords Written Answers

#### Israel: West Bank

**Baroness Sheehan (Liberal Democrat)** [HL2239] To ask Her Majesty's Government

what representations they have made to the government of Israel about the confiscation by Israeli forces of a prefabricated building which served as a clinic in the South Hebron Hills.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** The UK regularly raises the issue of demolitions and forced evictions of Palestinians from their homes with the Government of Israel. The Foreign Secretary raised ongoing evictions, demolitions and settlement activity with the Israeli Authorities during his visit to the region on 26 May. The UK is clear that in all but the most exceptional of circumstances, demolitions and evictions are contrary to International Humanitarian Law.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-20/hl2239>

#### **Gaza: Israel**

**Baroness Sheehan (Liberal Democrat)** [HL2240] To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of the report by Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor, published on 2 July, that nine out of 10 children in the Gaza Strip suffered some form of conflict-related trauma after the Israeli military earlier this year.

**Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon:** We are aware of the Euro-Med Monitor report "One Year Older" of 4 July 2021. We continue to stress the importance of the Israeli and Palestinian security forces providing appropriate protection to the civilian population, in particular the need to protect children, and urge restraint in the use of live fire. We remain concerned by the number of Palestinians, including children, killed and injured in the West Bank and Gaza.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-07-20/hl2240>

*The correct title of the report referred to above is "One War Older", and it can be read at <https://euromedmonitor.org/uploads/reports/gazachildrepen.pdf>*

## **Foreign, Commonwealth and Development 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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## **Other Relevant Information**

### **Center for Countering Digital Hate**

#### **Failure to Protect: How tech giants fail to act on user reports of antisemitism**

[https://252f2edd-1c8b-49f5-9bb2-cb57bb47e4ba.filesusr.com/ugd/f4d9b9\\_9383f90cb66f423dbb5aa0a3dd03cb64.pdf](https://252f2edd-1c8b-49f5-9bb2-cb57bb47e4ba.filesusr.com/ugd/f4d9b9_9383f90cb66f423dbb5aa0a3dd03cb64.pdf)

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

### **UK Parliament**

#### **Assisted Dying Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2875>

#### **Charities Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2877>

#### **Education (16 to 19 Academies) (Religious Character) Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2946>

#### **Education (Assemblies) Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2878>

#### **Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2862>

#### **Israel Arms Trade (Prohibition) Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3025>

#### **Marriage Act 1949 (Amendment) Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3017>

#### **Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2900>

#### **Nationality and Borders Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3023>

#### **Online Safety Bill (Draft)**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/draft-online-safety-bill>

#### **Palestine Statehood (Recognition) Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2942>

### **Northern Ireland Assembly**

#### **Organ and Tissue Donation (Deemed Consent) Bill**

<http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/assembly-business/legislation/2017-2022-mandate/primary-legislation---bills-2017---2022-mandate/organ-and-tissue-donation-deemed-consent-bill/>

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## Consultations

\*\* new or updated today

### **\*\* closes today**

**Animal welfare [EU legislation]** (closing date 3 August 2021)

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12950-Animal-welfare-revision-of-EU-legislation\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12950-Animal-welfare-revision-of-EU-legislation_en)

**\*\* Domestic Abuse Act statutory guidance** (closing date 14 September 2021)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/domestic-abuse-act-statutory-guidance>

**Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill** (closing date not stated, but no later than 23 September 2021)

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2021/july/have-your-say-on-the-higher-education-freedom-of-speech-bill/>

**\*\* Dispute Resolution in England and Wales** (closing date 30 September 2021)

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1008174/dispute-resolution-call-for-evidence.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1008174/dispute-resolution-call-for-evidence.pdf)

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