



# Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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## Home Affairs

### Crown Prosecution Service

#### **Radio host sentenced to 32 months' imprisonment for inciting racial hatred on his radio show**

A radio host has been sentenced to 32 months' imprisonment for using antisemitic language and racial slurs on his live radio show.

Graham Hart, 69, was sentenced ... at Truro Magistrates' Court after he pleaded guilty in June 2021.

An investigation by the Devon and Cornwall Police was made into eight radio shows broadcast on the internet between 18 July 2016 and 24 December 2020 in which Hart was either a presenter or guest.

The CPS proved that Graham Hart sought to dehumanise members of the Jewish race. On these broadcasts, he made references to Jewish people being an enemy to be fought and defeated and suggested they should be excluded from society.

On "The Graham Hart Show" broadcast on 18 July 2016, he insulted Jewish people with antisemitic language with the aim of inciting racial hatred. This was one of many occasions when he dehumanised Jewish people.

The CPS also showed that Graham Hart intended these broadcasts to persuade his listeners of the 'evil' of the Jewish race and thereby stir up hatred against them. He stated on a number of occasions during the broadcasts that this was his aim. ...

Images were also found on his social media which corroborated his anti-Semitic views, particularly posts presenting the Holocaust as a hoax and ridiculing Jewish people. ...

**To read the full press release see**

<https://www.cps.gov.uk/cps/news/radio-host-sentenced-32-months-imprisonment-inciting-racial-hatred-his-radio-show>

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## Israel

### Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

**James Cleverly:** The UK is concerned by the recent increase in rocket fire from Lebanon into Israel. It risks endangering civilians in both Lebanon and Israel. We call for an immediate de-escalation.

<https://twitter.com/JamesCleverly/status/1423711488162910208>

## United Nations

### **Escalating Lebanon-Israel aggressions provoking ‘very dangerous situation’**

The UN Interim Force in Lebanon, UNIFIL, said on Friday that escalating hostilities over the past two days involving Lebanese and Israeli forces have created “a very dangerous situation” in the volatile border region.

In a statement, the peacekeeping mission said that late Friday morning, it had detected rocket launches from outside its area of operations in south Lebanon towards the Israeli-occupied Golan.

This was followed almost immediately by an artillery response from Israel directed at the general area around Kafer Chouba, a village in the Hasbaya District of the Nabatieh Governorate ...

To prevent further escalation from spiralling out of control, the UN mission is actively engaging with the parties through all formal and informal liaisons and coordination mechanisms. ...

At the same time, UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon Joanna Wronecka has expressed “great concern” over the recent exchange of fire between Lebanon and Israel.

“The potential for miscalculation presents the risk of serious consequences. Maximum restraint is required to prevent further escalation” ...

**To read the full press release see**

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/08/1097342>

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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**

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### **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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