



Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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Murder of David Amess MP

Downing Street

Boris Johnson statement on the death of David Amess MP (video)

<https://twitter.com/BorisJohnson/status/1449055721425887240>

Scottish Government

Nicola Sturgeon Elected representatives from across the political spectrum will be united in sadness and shock today. In a democracy, politicians must be accessible and open to scrutiny, but no-one deserves to have their life taken while working for and representing their constituents

<https://twitter.com/NicolaSturgeon/status/1449014827062542340>

Northern Ireland Executive

Statement from First Minister and deputy First Minister on death of David Amess MP

First Minister Paul Givan and deputy First Minister Michelle O'Neill have expressed their shock and sympathy following news of the death of David Amess MP.

First Minister Paul Givan said: "I was shocked to hear the news about Sir David Amess. This was a brutal attack on a man with a distinguished history of public service, and the repercussions will resonate with us all.

"But, more than this, Sir David was a husband, father and colleague – and it is those closest to him who will feel this loss most profoundly. My immediate thoughts are with Sir David's family and friends at this very sad time."

Deputy First Minister Michelle O'Neill said: "I was deeply shocked to learn of the death of David Amess in the most tragic of circumstances. No public representative should face attack when carrying out their duties on behalf of their constituents.

“My thoughts and prayers, first and foremost, are with David’s family and friends at this awful time.”

<https://www.executiveoffice-ni.gov.uk/news/statement-first-minister-and-deputy-first-minister-death-david-amess-mp>

Israeli Government

Yair Lapid From Israel, we send our deepest condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Sir David Amess. He always stood with the Jewish community and was a true friend of Israel. May his memory be for a blessing.

<https://twitter.com/yairlapid/status/1449030644336562177>

Tzipi Hotovely Devastated to hear about the murder of Sir David Amess. A true friend of Israel. I would like to send my deepest condolences to his family. May his memory be a blessing.

<https://twitter.com/TzipiHotovely/status/1449048384191483906>

Welsh Government Fol Release

International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance’s (IHRA) definition

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-10/atishn15550.pdf>

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See Israeli Government statements in the Home Affairs section above following the murder of David Amess MP.

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Other Relevant Information

Hope Not Hate

Antisemitism in the Digital Age

<https://hopenothate.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/google-report-2021-10-v3.pdf>

European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

Countering hate crime – practical examples from across the EU

<https://fra.europa.eu/en/news/2021/countering-hate-crime-practical-examples-across-eu>

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Relevant Legislation ** new or updated today

UK Parliament

Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2867>

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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The Scottish Government's international work (closing date 29 October 2021)
<https://yourviews.parliament.scot/cteea/international-engagement-external-affairs/>

Labelling for Animal Welfare (closing date 6 December 2021)
<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/animal-welfare-market-interventions-and-labelling/labelling-for-animal-welfare/>

Proposed Assisted Dying for Terminally ill Adults (Scotland) Bill (closing date 22 December 2021)
<https://www.parliament.scot/bills-and-laws/bills/proposals-for-bills/proposed-assisted-dying-for-terminally-ill-adults-scotland-bill>

****Animal Welfare – revision of EU legislation (Food Safety)** (closing date 21 January 2022)
https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12950-Animal-welfare-revision-of-EU-legislation/public-consultation_en

Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission Strategic Plan 2022-2025
(closing date not stated)
<https://nihrc.org/news/detail/we-want-to-hear-from-you-about-our-strategic-planning-2022-2025>

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