



Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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Coronavirus (COVID-19): updated guidance for funerals and commemorative events during the coronavirus pandemic

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-a-funeral-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/covid-19-guidance-for-managing-a-funeral-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic>

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Israel

House of Commons Written Answers

The following four questions all received the same answer

Palestinians: Non-governmental Organisations

David Jones (Conservative) [62640] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the order made by the Israeli Defence Ministry on 19 October 2021 declaring the NGOs Al-Haq, Addameer, Defence for Children International – Palestine, the Bisan Center for Research and Development, the Union of Palestinian Women’s Committees and the Union of Agricultural Work Committees to be terrorist organisations; and if she will make a statement.

David Jones (Conservative) [62641] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what representations she has made, or plans to make, to the Israeli authorities in respect of the order of 19 October 2021 by the Israeli Defence Ministry declaring the NGOs Al-Haq, Addameer, Defence for Children International – Palestine, the Bisan Center for Research and Development, the Union of Palestinian Women’s Committees and the Union of Agricultural Work Committees to be terrorist organisations.

Palestinians: Third Sector

Tommy Sheppard (SNP) [62754] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what assessment she has made of the implications for her policies of the designation of six Palestinian civil society organisations as terrorist by the Israeli government; and if she will make a statement.

Tommy Sheppard (SNP) [62756] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what engagement her Department has had with the six Palestinian civil society organisations recently designated as terrorist by the Israeli Government; and whether she plans to engage with those groups in the future.

James Cleverly: We are aware of the decision by the Israeli authorities and will be seeking additional information to understand the basis for the designations. Human rights and civil society organisations have a vital role to play in the development of thriving, open societies.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-10-25/62640>

and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-10-25/62641>

and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-10-25/62754>

and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-10-25/62756>

Palestinians: Third Sector

Tommy Sheppard (SNP) [62755] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether her Department plans to continue providing funding and support to Palestinian civil society organisations; and what programmes are available for applicants to gain access to support.

James Cleverly: The Cabinet Office publishes Conflict Security and Stability Fund annual programme summaries on GOV.UK at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/conflict-stability-and-security-fund-programme-summaries>

They outline the annual budget, a short summary of the programmes, and a breakdown of the projects in the programme. We will continue our support for peacebuilding projects in Financial Year 2021/2022 though exact spend figures are not yet available. Our future spending allocations will be set in the next Spending Review and full budgets for 2021 will be published in due course, including in our regular Statistics on International Development website and in the FCDO Annual Report and Accounts.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-10-25/62755>

The following three questions all received the same answer

Palestinians: Education

Julie Elliott (Labour) [59790] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what funding the UK Government is providing for education in the Occupied Palestinian Territory to (a) UNRWA and (b) the Palestinian Authority.

Palestinians: Health Services

Julie Elliott (Labour) [59791] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what funding the Government is providing for health services in the Occupied Palestinian Territory to (a) United Nations Relief and Works Agency and (b) the Palestinian Authority.

Palestinians: Security

Julie Elliott (Labour) [59792] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what funding the UK Government is providing for security in the Occupied Palestinian Territory to (a) UNRWA and (b) the Palestinian Authority.

James Cleverly: Budgets for 2020 were outlined in our Statistics in International Development report available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/statistics-on-international-development-final-uk-aid-spend-2020>

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<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-10-20/59790>

and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-10-20/59791>

and

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-10-20/59792>

Department for International Trade

Updated Trade and Investment Factsheet: Israel

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1029144/israel-trade-and-investment-factsheet-2021-10-29.pdf

Updated Trade and Investment Factsheet: Occupied Palestinian Territories

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1029198/occupied-palestinian-territories-trade-and-investment-factsheet-2021-10-29.pdf

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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>

Public Bill Committee

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2021-10-26/debates/328ec7c7-97a8-4b51-b611-23fa943d325c/NationalityAndBordersBill\(TenthSitting\)](https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2021-10-26/debates/328ec7c7-97a8-4b51-b611-23fa943d325c/NationalityAndBordersBill(TenthSitting))

and

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2021-10-28/debates/0a424bb1-a73c-4e0e-875b-6778019c444d/NationalityAndBordersBill\(EleventhSitting\)](https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2021-10-28/debates/0a424bb1-a73c-4e0e-875b-6778019c444d/NationalityAndBordersBill(EleventhSitting))

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**

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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