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A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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<https://twitter.com/BorisJohnson/status/1514961600310136838>

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<https://twitter.com/ScotGovFM/status/1514921535106174980>

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United Nations

Provocations on Jerusalem's Holy Esplanade Must Stop Now, Secretary-General Says, Stressing Need to Respect, Uphold Status Quo at Holy Sites

... The Secretary-General is deeply concerned by the deteriorating security situation in Jerusalem.

He calls on leaders on all sides to help calm the situation. Provocations on the Holy Esplanade must stop now to prevent further escalation. He reiterates his call for the status quo at the holy sites in Jerusalem to be upheld and respected.

The Secretary-General's Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process is in close contact with key regional partners and the parties to calm the situation.

The Secretary-General reiterates his commitment to supporting Palestinians and Israelis to resolve the conflict on the basis of relevant United Nations resolutions, international law and bilateral agreements.

<https://www.un.org/press/en/2022/sgsm21238.doc.htm>

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Other Relevant Information

Antisemitism Policy Trust

Antisemitism and Cryptocurrency – A Perfect Union?

<https://antisemitism.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Crypto-Report.pdf>

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Relevant Legislation ** new or updated today

UK Parliament

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

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Consultations

** new or updated today

Independent Review of Social Cohesion and Resilience (closing date 2 June 2022)
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-review-of-social-cohesion-and-resilience-call-for-evidence/independent-review-of-social-cohesion-and-resilience-call-for-evidence>

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