



Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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Northern Ireland Assembly Elections

Political Party	Candidates elected	Change since last Assembly
Sinn Féin	27	–
DUP	25	-3
Alliance	17	+9
UUP	9	-1
SDLP	8	-4
Other	4	-1

Full election results

<https://www.bbc.com/news/election/2022/northern-ireland/results>

NI election results 2022: The assembly poll in maps and charts

<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-61363246>

Northern Ireland Office

NI Assembly Election 2022 - Statement by the Secretary of State, the Rt Hon Brandon Lewis MP

... I encourage the parties to form an Executive as soon as possible. The people of Northern Ireland deserve a stable and accountable local government that delivers on the issues that matter most to them.

The electorate delivered a number of messages on Thursday. They were clear that they want a fully functioning devolved government in Northern Ireland, they want the issues around the Protocol addressed, and that they want politics to work better. ...

The Government remains committed to the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement and will continue to work with the Northern Ireland Parties and the Irish Government to deliver its vision for reconciliation, equality, respect for rights and parity of esteem.

Together, we must move forward towards a brighter future - that means delivering for all the people of Northern Ireland.

To read the full statement see

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ni-assembly-election-2022-statement-by-the-secretary-of-state>

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UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

State of Palestine against Israel: Conciliation Commission holds first in-person meeting

The UN Conciliation Commission on State of Palestine vs. Israel, which will offer its good offices to the parties with a view to resolving the dispute over allegations of racial discrimination amicably, held its first in-person meeting on 4 and 5 May in Geneva.

The Conciliation Commission was set up in accordance with article 12(1)b of the [Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination](#), and is composed of five human rights experts from the [Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#). The appointees are independent of any government or organization and serve in their individual capacities. ...

Documents concerning the case of the State of Palestine against Israel are also available [online](#).

To read the full press release see

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2022/05/state-palestine-against-israel-conciliation-commission-holds-first-person>

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Relevant Legislation ** new or updated today

UK Parliament

Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill

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

Online Safety Bill

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3137>

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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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