



Political Affairs Digest

A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/coroners-statistics-2021/coroners-statistics-2021-england-and-wales>

Coroners statistics 2021: England and Wales (statistical tables)

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074306/Coroners_Statistics_Annual_2021_Tables.ods

Ofsted

Unregistered schools management information - 1 January 2016 to 31 March 2022

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1073630/Unregistered_schools_management_information_-_Jan_2016_to_31_March_2022.ods

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Holocaust

See the Senedd debate “The Holodomor” which is included in the Israel section below.

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Israel

UK Parliament Early Day Motion

Grahame Morris (Labour) [34] Killing of Shireen Abu Akleh – That this House is

shocked by the killing of Al-Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh by Israeli forces whilst reporting on raids in Jenin; extends its sincere condolences to her family and colleagues who are devastated? by her death; is appalled that this widely-respected, brave and committed journalist was hit by a bullet whilst wearing a press vest, with gunfire having started without prior instruction to stop filming; notes that fellow journalist Shatha Hanaysha who was present at the time believes that the group was targeted for attack by the Israeli army; considers that this shocking incident must be in the wider context of Israeli forces systematically targeting journalists working in Palestine and the failure to properly investigate killings of media workers; notes that the International Federation of Journalists, the Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate and the International Centre of Justice for Palestinians previously submitted a formal complaint to the International Criminal Court last month regarding such treatment; calls for a full independent investigation of this case, with swift action to bring those responsible for Shireen's death to account; and joins the National Union of Journalists and the International Federation of Journalists in demanding an end to, and justice for, the wider targeting and killings of Palestinian journalists by Israeli forces.

<https://edm.parliament.uk/early-day-motion/59737>

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Updated Travel Advice: Israel

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/israel>

Updated Travel Advice: Occupied Palestinian Territories

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/the-occupied-palestinian-territories>

Amanda Milling: Terrible to hear of the news of the tragic death of veteran Palestinian Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Aqleh. I urge a rapid and thorough investigation. Media freedom and safety of journalists is vital and must be respected

<https://twitter.com/amandamilling/status/1524396468370653184>

Senedd Debate

The Holodomor

159 Alun Davies (Labour): ... it is also important not to repeat the mistakes of the past and to relive the horrors of the past. ... I grew up in the shadow of the second world war. I grew up in the shadow of listening to survivors speaking about the Holocaust. We learnt, at first-hand, what genocide means. I never thought that we would see genocide again, but we have. I bore witness to it in Rwanda and in the former Yugoslavia. We are seeing mass murder, industrial-scale murder, on our screens today, tonight, on a daily basis. It is not only unbelievable, but it is simply unacceptable that we continue to listen and to remember, but never to learn. ...

160 And when we speak about genocide, and when we speak about human suffering, let us also remember that none of these things were an accident. They were the consequence of a deliberate choice. Stalin decided that he would commit genocide against the Ukrainian people. ... and we know that he was not alone in mass murder, because, several thousand kilometres away from where he was sitting, there was another dictator planning the same activity against Europeans, against the Jews of Europe. We have seen genocide in Europe, and we must learn, and not simply remember, and learn that it should never happen again. ...

167 Jenny Rathbone (Labour): I'd just like to say that the role of journalists in uncovering

these dreadful acts of genocide is absolutely crucial. And would you agree also that the death of Shireen Abu Akleh in Palestine, apparently by Israeli forces, is another example of how journalists risk their lives to report what is going on? ...

168 Alun Davies: The right that we have today to discuss in safety and freedom these matters is a right that we should never take for granted. Our ability to have this debate is rooted in our knowledge and our information ... the role of journalism down the years has always been central to our understanding of history and our understanding of what happens. And that is especially true, of course, in those parts of the world where there are dictatorships and where there are attacks on the civilian population. ...

To read the full transcript see

<https://record.senedd.wales/Plenary/12840#A72008>

United Nations

Statement attributable to the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General: On the killing of the Al Jazeera journalist, Shireen Abu Akleh

The Secretary-General is appalled by the killing of Shireen Abu Akleh, a Palestinian-American reporter for Al Jazeera TV, who was shot dead earlier today while covering an operation by Israeli security forces in Jenin, in the occupied West Bank.

He sends his heartfelt condolences to the family of Ms. Abu Akleh and wishes a quick recovery to fellow journalist Ali Samoudi, who was wounded in the same incident.

He calls on the relevant authorities to carry out an independent and transparent investigation into this incident and ensure that those responsible are held accountable.

The Secretary-General condemns all attacks and killings of journalists and stresses that journalists must never be the target of violence. Media workers should be able to carry out their work freely and without harassment, intimidation or the fear of being targeted. The Secretary-General reiterates his firm conviction that a free press is essential for peace, justice, sustainable development and human rights.

<https://www.un.org/sg/en/content/sg/statement/2022-05-11/statement-attributable-the-spokesperson-for-the-secretary-general--%C2%A0-the-killing-of-the-al-jazeera-journalist-shireen-abu-akleh%C2%A0>

Tor Wennesland: I strongly condemn the killing of Al-Jazeera's reporter, Shireen Abu Aqila, who was shot with live fire this morning while covering an #Israeli security forces' operation in #Jenin, in occupied West Bank.

<https://twitter.com/TWennesland/status/1524272285171044354>

Tor Wennesland: My deepest condolences to her family & wish a speedy recovery to her fellow journalist, injured in the incident. I call for an immediate and thorough investigation and for those responsible to be held accountable. Media workers should never be targeted.

<https://twitter.com/TWennesland/status/1524272286840274945>

UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

UNHumanRights: We are appalled at the killing of journalist #ShireenAbuAkleh while covering an Israeli military operation in Jenin, #Palestine. Our Office is on the ground verifying the facts. We urge an independent, transparent investigation into her killing. Impunity must end.

<https://twitter.com/UNHumanRights/status/1524420218654756864>

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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>

**** Schools Bill**

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3156>

Bill as introduced

<https://bills.parliament.uk/publications/46433/documents/1770>

Delegated Powers Memorandum

<https://bills.parliament.uk/publications/46448/documents/1779>

Human Rights Memorandum

<https://bills.parliament.uk/publications/46426/documents/1765>

Impact Assessments

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074679/Schools_Bill_impact_assessment.pdf

First Reading, House of Lords

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2022-05-11/debates/D68150AC-3BDA-4442-885E-01CD8EB2DDEF/SchoolsBill\(HL\)](https://hansard.parliament.uk/lords/2022-05-11/debates/D68150AC-3BDA-4442-885E-01CD8EB2DDEF/SchoolsBill(HL))

Press release: New Schools Bill to boost education standards across the country

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-schools-bill-to-boost-education-standards-across-the-country>

Factsheets:

Statutory faith protections for academies with a religious character

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074503/Faith_protections_-_Schools_Bill.pdf

Academy Trust Standards

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074499/Academy_trust_standards_-_Schools_Bill.pdf

Academy Trust Intervention Powers

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074501/Academy_trust_intervention_powers_-_Schools_Bill.pdf

Grammar Schools

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074507/Grammar_schools_-_Schools_Bill.pdf

Independent Educational Institutions – Registration requirements

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074514/Independent_educational_institutions_registration_requirements_-_Schools_Bill.pdf

Independent Educational Institutions – Investigatory powers

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074519/Independent_educational_institutions_investigatory_powers_-_Schools_Bill.pdf

Independent Educational Institutions – Enforcement

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074515/Independent_educational_institutions_enforcement - Schools Bill.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074515/Independent_educational_institutions_enforcement_-_Schools_Bill.pdf)

Independent Educational Institutions – De-registration appeals

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074516/Independent_educational_institutions_de-registration_appeals - Schools Bill.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074516/Independent_educational_institutions_de-registration_appeals_-_Schools_Bill.pdf)

Independent Educational Institutions – Material Change

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074517/Independent_educational_institutions_material_change - Schools Bill.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074517/Independent_educational_institutions_material_change_-_Schools_Bill.pdf)

Children not in School

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074512/Children_not_in_school - Schools Bill.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074512/Children_not_in_school_-_Schools_Bill.pdf)

School Attendance

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074513/School_attendance - Schools Bill.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074513/School_attendance_-_Schools_Bill.pdf)

Teacher Misconduct

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074522/Teacher_misconduct - Schools Bill.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074522/Teacher_misconduct_-_Schools_Bill.pdf)

National Funding Formula Reforms

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074510/National_Funding_Formula_reforms - Schools Bill.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074510/National_Funding_Formula_reforms_-_Schools_Bill.pdf)

Local Authority Academisation Power

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074508/Local_authority_academisation_power - Schools Bill.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074508/Local_authority_academisation_power_-_Schools_Bill.pdf)

Transfer of land by local authorities

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074509/Transfer_of_land_by_local_authorities - Schools Bill.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1074509/Transfer_of_land_by_local_authorities_-_Schools_Bill.pdf)

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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>

Public Participation at the Scottish Parliament (closing date 30 June 2022)

<https://yourviews.parliament.scot/cppp/participation-2022/>

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The Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC) is Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC029438