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A daily summary of political events affecting the Jewish Community

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<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2022-06/appendices.pdf>

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<https://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk/charity-essentials/charities-act-update>

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## Israel

### House of Commons Written Answer

#### **Shireen Abu Aqleh**

**Abena Oppong-Asare (Labour)** [10029] To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions she has had with her Israeli counterpart on holding an independent investigation into the killing of Shireen Abu Aqleh.

**Amanda Milling:** During a call with the Israeli Ambassador on 19 May, I made clear the UK's sadness at the recent death of Shireen Abu Aqleh and the disturbing scenes at her funeral in Jerusalem. I urged a thorough, impartial and transparent investigation into the events. The UK Ambassador to Israel has reiterated the importance of an investigation with the Israeli authorities. We call for urgent steps to de-escalate tensions and for restraint in the use of force. The safety of journalists across the globe is vital and they must be protected when carrying out their critical work.

<https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2022-05-26/10029>

## UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

### Israel: UN experts urge authorities to cease eviction and demolition of Bedouin village

UN human rights experts ... urged Israel to stop the eviction and demolition of a Bedouin village in Israel that will forcibly displace hundreds of residents in a bid to expand Jewish-only settlements.

“Thousands of Bedouin citizens of Israel living in the Naqab are facing threats of eviction to make way for more Jewish-only towns, military bases, and other major infrastructure projects that exclude the Bedouin people and their development interests,” they warned. The experts expressed particular concern that approximately 500 Bedouin residents in the village of Ras Jrabah, unrecognized by Israeli authorities, are facing an imminent threat of eviction. ...

“While the State calls the residents ‘trespassers’, in fact, members of the Bedouin minority have lived there for generations,” the experts said.

They called on Israeli authorities to immediately halt evictions and housing demolitions which could cause irreparable damage to the traditional way of life of the Bedouins, their livelihoods, their cultural practices, and the relationship to their land.

The issue of forced evictions targeting the Bedouin minority in Israel and demolitions and destruction of their property, has [been raised](#) by UN experts in the past, including calls to “refrain and desist from actively pursuing segregationist policies and practices, resulting in the violation of the right to adequate housing and the prohibition of discrimination”. The experts expressed regret that the Government of Israel has yet to respond to these communications and continues to deny the basic human rights of the Bedouin minority. ...

**To read the full press release see**

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2022/06/israel-un-experts-urge-authorities-cessate-eviction-and-demolition-bedouin>

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### UK Parliament

#### \*\* Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Bill

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

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## **\*\* Online Safety Bill**

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## **\*\* Schools Bill**

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## **Consultations**

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**Independent Review of Social Cohesion and Resilience** (closing date 23 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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