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House of Commons Written Answer

Islam: Wales
Ruth Jones (Labour) [82089] To ask the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, what discussions he has had with the Welsh Government on his plans to tackle Islamophobia; and if he will make a statement.

Kemi Badenoch: The Government remains committed to tackling islamophobia and recognises the discrimination and intolerance faced by Muslim communities. Our counterparts in the Welsh Government have been consulted on our upcoming Hate Crime Strategy and this will be published in due course.

https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-11-25/82089

House of Lords Library Briefing

Freedom of speech: challenges and the role of public, private and civil society sectors in upholding rights

Israel

House of Lords Written Answer

Israel: Palestinians
The Marquess of Lothian (Conservative) [HL4234] To ask Her Majesty's Government, further to the announcement on 19 November of their decision to proscribe Hamas as a terrorist organisation, what diplomatic efforts (1) to further the Middle East Peace Process,
and (2) to bring about peace between the Israelis and Palestinians, they intend to initiate. **Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon**: The UK remains committed to making progress towards a two-state solution. The Foreign Secretary regularly discusses this issue with international counterparts. Peace will only come through negotiations between the parties, but international action has a role in facilitating progress. We firmly believe a just and lasting resolution that ends the occupation and delivers peace for both Israelis and Palestinians is long overdue. That is why we support steps to increase understanding and dialogue between the parties that can help create the conditions for meaningful negotiations.

https://questions-statements.parliament.uk/written-questions/detail/2021-11-19/hl4234

**Scottish Parliament Motion**

**James Dornan (SNP) [S6M-02336]** Systematic Discrimination as Key Barrier to Palestinian Health and Healthcare – That the Parliament highlights the recent position paper produced by Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP), which it considers to be a humanitarian, non-partisan organisation; notes that the paper states that policies and practices of systematic discrimination and fragmentation by Israel present a fundamental challenge to Palestinians’ rights to health and dignity, and inhibit the delivery and development of Palestinian healthcare; further notes the view in the paper that this situation has resulted in severe health inequalities between Palestinians and Israelis, which have continued to grow in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic; understands that the average life expectancy for Palestinians in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) is almost nine years lower than it is for Israelis; further understands that the rate of COVID-19 vaccination in the oPt is less than half of what it is in Israel; acknowledges MAP’s recommendations for concrete actions that the international community, including the UK, could take to address what it sees as this dire situation through their foreign and aid policies, and notes calls, including from people in the Glasgow Cathcart constituency, for the international community to ensure that Palestinian voices are heard in policymaking discussions.


The position paper referred to above can be read at

**Relevant Legislation** **new or updated today**

**UK Parliament**

**Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill**
https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2867

Notice of amendments
https://bills.parliament.uk/publications/44145/documents/1095

**Assisted Dying Bill**
https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2875
Charities Bill
https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2877

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

Evidence session, Joint Committee on Human Rights
https://committees.parliament.uk/oralevidence/3120/html/

Notice of amendments

Nationality and Borders Bill: British National (Overseas) factsheet

Nationality and Borders Bill: Safe and Legal Routes factsheet

Nationality and Borders Bill: Border Force powers to stop and seize small boats factsheet

Nationality and Borders Bill: Differentiation factsheet

Nationality and Borders Bill: Modern Slavery Leave to Remain factsheet

Nationality and Borders Bill: Speeding up removal of foreign criminals factsheet

Nationality and Borders Bill: Removal to a safe third country factsheet
The Scottish Council of Jewish Communities (SCoJeC) is Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation SC029438

Nationality and Borders Bill: Maximum sentences for people smugglers factsheet

Nationality and Borders Bill: Deprivation of Citizenship factsheet

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

Consultations ** new or updated today

** closes tomorrow
Labelling for Animal Welfare (closing date 6 December 2021)

Proposed Assisted Dying for Terminally ill Adults (Scotland) Bill (closing date 22 December 2021)

Animal Welfare – revision of EU legislation (Food Safety) (closing date 21 January 2022)

Marriage Law (Northern Ireland) (closing date 18 February 2022)

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